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OF
THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF
Royal Arch Masons of Canada
AT ITS
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,
HELD IN THE
MASONIC HALL, AT THE CITY OF TORONTO,
ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF AUGUST, A. D. 1872 A. L. 5972.



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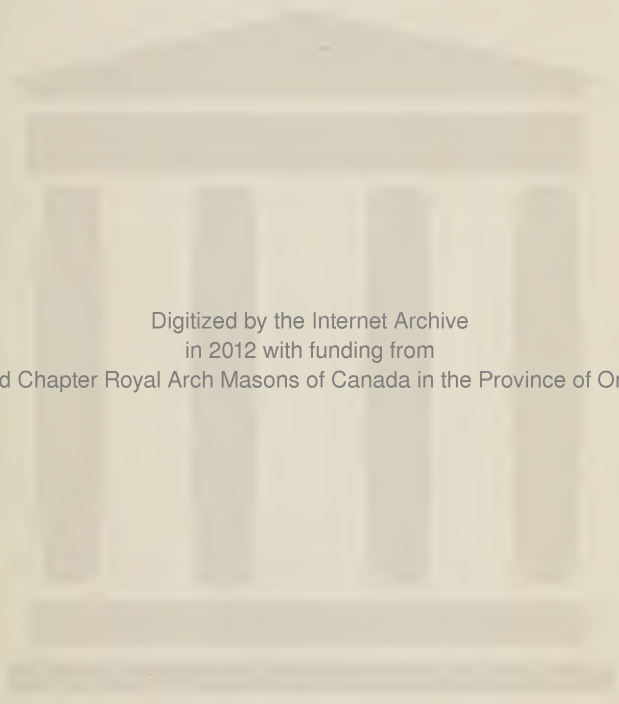


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Grand Chapter of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

At the Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Toronto, on the second Wednesday, the 14th day of August, A. D. 1872, A. L. 5872.

PRESENT :

M. E. Comp.	Thompson Wilson, as	Grand Z.	} Grand Council.
R. " "	Samuel B. Harman,	" H.	
" " "	William B. Simpson, as	" J.	

On the Throne.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. Bird Harris,	Grand Scribe E.
" " "	Daniel Spry, as	" " N.
" " "	Fred. J. Menet,	" Prin. Sojourner.
" " "	E. A. H. Fauquier, as	" Treasurer.
" " "	E. J. Sisson, as	" Registrar.
V. " "	Hugh A. Mackay,	" 1st Asst. Sojourner.
" " "	N. Gordon Bigelow,	" 2nd " "
" " "	D. S. Eastwood,	" Sword Bearer.
" " "	Isaac F. Toms, as	" Standard Bearer.
" " "	Yeoman Gibson,	" Dir. of Cir.
" " "	Geo. EnEarl, as	" Organist.
" " "	John Boyd, as	" Pursuivant.
" " "	R. A. Woodcock, as	" rowspan="4">} Stewards.
" " "	A. McMillan, as	
" " "	Wm. Braund, as	
" " "	P. J. Brown, as	
" " "	John L. Dixon,	" Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	John A. Mackenzie,	London	District.
" " "	C. L. Beard,	Wilson	"
" " "	Thos. Sargent,	Toronto	"
" " "	John Wright,	Ontario	"
" " "	Donald Ross,	Prince Edward	"
" " "	Isaac H. Stearns,	Montreal	"
" " "	J. Dunbar,	Quebec	"

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M. E. Comp.	Thompson Wilson,	P. G. Z.
R. E. "	W. B. Simpson,	P. G. H.
" " "	David Curtis,	P. G. H.
" " "	James Seymour,	P. G. H.
" " "	Henry Robertson,	P. G. J.
" " "	J. K. Kerr,	P. G. J.
" " "	L. H. Henderson,	P. G. J.
" " "	J. H. Stearns,	P. G. J.
" " "	Wm. McCabe,	P. G. Sup't.
" " "	Thos. Milton,	P. G. Sup't.
" " "	Aug. T. Houel,	P. G. P. Soj'r.
" " "	David McLellan,	P. G. P. Soj'r.
" " "	Marcellus Crombie,	P. G. Treas.
" " "	E. J. Sisson,	P. G. Reg.
" " "	George EnEarl,	P. G. 1st Asst. Sojr
V. " "	Isaac F. Toms,	P. G. St'd B'r.
" " "	Fred. Mudge,	P. G. Steward.
" " "	R. A. Woodcock,	P. G. Steward.
" " "	John Boyd,	P. G. Steward.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. B. Harris,	Missouri.
" " "	James Seymour,	Indiana.
" " "	James K. Kerr,	Scotland.
" " "	David McLellan,	Georgia.
" " "	Henry Robertson,	Dist. of Columbia
" " "	" "	New York.

A constitutional number of Chapters being duly repre-

sented, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in *due form* at 2 o'clock, P.M.

The Executive Committee as required by the Constitution, having appointed R. E. Comp. J. Dunbar, V. E. Comp. F. Mudge, and E. Comp. Peter Begg, a Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported the following as being present, and entitled to take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter, viz:

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON, O.

	E. Comp. Harwood E. Swales,	H.
R. E.	" W. B. Simpson,	P. Z.
"	" John Wilson,	P. H.

No. 2. THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON, O.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. Bird Harris,	Z.
"	" John S. Henderson,	P. Z.

No. 4. CHAPTER OF ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN, TORONTO, O.

R. E. Comp.	Fred. J. Menet,	Z.
"	" R. P. Stephens,	H.
"	" S. B. Harman,	P. Z.
"	" J. K. Kerr,	P. Z.
"	" Wm. G. Storm,	P. Z.
"	" Marcellus Crombie,	P. Z.
"	" W. L. Steiner,	P. H.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON, O.

E. Comp.	William Carey,	Z.
M. E.	" Thompson Wilson,	P. Z.
"	" A. G. Smyth,	P. Z.

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON, O.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. B. Harris,	P. Z.
V. "	" Hugh A. Mackay,	P. H.

No. 7. MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE, O.

R. E. Comp.	L. H. Henderson,	P. Z.
"	" Marcellus Crombie,	P. Z.
"	" E. J. Sisson,	P. Z.

- No. 8. KING SOLOMONS'S CHAPTER, TORONTO, O.
 E. Comp. George C. Patterson, Z.
 V. " " N. Gordon Bigelow, H.
 " " W. C. Morrison, J.
 R. " " Daniel Spry, P. Z.
 " " " Aug. T. Houel, P. Z.
 " " " David McLellan, P. Z.
 " " " Thos. Sargent, P. Z.
 " " " Thos. B. Harris, P. Z.
- No. 10. NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER, ST. JOHN, N. B.
 R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris (Proxy).
- No. 12. CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON, O.
 E. Comp. A. McMillan, Z.
- No. 13. STADACONA CHAPTER, QUEBEC, Q.
 R. E. Comp. J. Dunbar, Z.
- No. 14. PREVOST CHAPTER, DUNHAM, Q.
 E. Comp. D. H. W. Wood, Z.
- No. 15. WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA, O.
 R. E. Comp. John A. Mackenzie, P. Z.
- No. 16. CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA, O.
 V. E. Comp. D. S. Eastwood, Z.
 " " John J. Gemmell, P. Z.
- No. 18. OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK, O.
 E. Comp. E. A. H. Fauquier, Z.
 R. " " C. L. Beard, P. Z.
- No. 19. MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHARINES, O.
 R. E. Comp. James Seymour, P. Z.
- No. 20. MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, BRANTFORD, O.
 R. E. Comp. David Curtis, Z.
 V. " " Fred. Mudge, P. Z.
- No. 21. CARNARVON CHAPTER, MONTREAL, Q.
 E. Comp. E. M. Copeland, Z.
 R. " " J. H. Stearns, P. Z.

- No. 22. GRENVILLE CHAPTER, PRESCOTT, O.
 E. Comp. John Satchell, J.
 V. " " George EnEarl, P. Z.
- No. 24. TECUMSEH CHAPTER, STRATFORD, C.
 R. E. Comp. Thos. Winter, P. Z.
- No. 25. MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, MONTREAL, Q.
 E. Comp. D. Wright, Z.
 R. " " Thos. Milton, P. Z.
- No. 26. ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TRENTON, O.
 E. Comp. Peter Begg, P. Z.
- No. 27. MANITOU CHAPTER, COLLINGWOOD, O.
 R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, P. Z.
 " " Henry Macpherson P. Z.
- No. 28. PENTALPHA CHAPTER, OSHAWA, O.
 V. E. Comp. John Boyd, P. Z. and Proxy.
 R. " " Wm. McCabe, P. Z.
- No. 29. M'CALLUM CHAPTER, DUNNVILLE, O.
 E. Comp. Wm. Braund, Z.
 " " Thos. L. N. Tipton, H.
 " " Joseph Hurssell, P. Z.
- No. 30. HURON CHAPTER, GODERICH, O.
 V. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, P. Z.
- No. 31. PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, PICTON, O.
 R. E. Comp. Donald Ross, P. Z.
 " Henry T. Wood, P. H.
- No. 32. WATERLOO CHAPTER, GALT, O.
 E. Comp. William Elliot, Z.
- No. 35. KEYSTONE CHAPTER, WHITBY, O.
 E. Comp. J. P. Campbell, Z.
 " " Geo. H. Dartnell, P. Z.
 " " Yeoman Gibson, P. Z.
- No. 37. VICTORA CHAPTER, PORT HOPE, O.
 E. Comp. La Rue Peck, Z.
 R. E. " John Wright, P. Z.

- No. 38. SEYMOUR CHAPTER, BRADFORD, O.
E. Comp. Wm. H. Porter, Z.
- No. 40. GUELPH CHAPTER, GUELPH, O.
V. E. Comp. Fred. Mudge, Z.
- No. 41. HARRIS CHAPTER, INGERSOLL, O.
E. Comp. Peter J. Brown, Z.
V. " " R. A. Woodcock, P. Z.
R. " " Thos. B. Harris, P. Z.
- No. 43. ROYAL ALBERT CHAPTER, MONTREAL, Q.
R. E. Comp. Isaac H. Stearns, (Proxy.)
- No. 44. MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, NAPANEE, O.
E. Comp. H. L. Geddes, Z.
R. " " Donald Ross, P. Z.
- No. 45. EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, COLBORNE, O.
E. Comp. Peter Begg, Z.
" " W. A. Powers, J.
- U. D. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, COBOURG, O.
E. Comp. Henry T. Wood, H.
- U. D. ELORA CHAPTER, ELORA, O.
E. Comp. W. T. Smith, H.
- U. D. ST. CHARLES CHAPTER, POINT ST. CHARLES, Q.
R. E. Comp. Thos. Milton, Z.
" " Wm. Young, J.

On motion the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. the presiding officer granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing to the Visitors' Gallery.

The Grand Scribe E. read the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business.

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the proceedings at the last Annual Convocation, as recorded, when

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Thomas Sargant, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. Henry Stearns, and resolved,—

That whereas the proceedings of the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, held at the City of Hamilton on the 9th and 10th days of August, A. D. 1871, have been printed, and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes of such proceedings be considered as read, and the same now confirmed.

The Grand Scribe E. read a letter received from the M. E. the Grand Z., expressing deep regret at not being enabled to be present at this Annual Convocation.

The Address of the M. E. the Grand Z. was read to the assembled Companions by R. E. the Grand H. :

A D D R E S S

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

GREETING :

COMPANIONS,—I greatly regret that I am prevented being with you at this the Fifteenth Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. For some weeks past I have not been in my accustomed good health, and I am advised not to risk the probable excitement consequent upon attending, at this warm period of the year, any one of the Masonic assemblages to take place at Toronto—and the reunion with old friends and companions and brethren after a year's separation from each other—and I confess freely that my heart warms at such meetings, and drives away thoughts of consequences. Although absent in body I shall be with you in Spirit, and no member of our Order more sincerely wishes continued and increasing prosperity to Grand Chapter than I do and will.

With this brief preliminary, I can but repeat here what I told you last year, that Royal Arch affairs have afforded so little material to which to call your attention on account of the general harmony that has reigned, that any address cannot be of lengthy dimensions.

I have granted dispensations for the following new chapters during the past year, and which I recommend Grand Chapter to confirm by warrant, viz.:

1. Saint John's, Cobourg, Ont.
2. Elora, Elora, Ont.
3. Saugeen, Walkerton, Ont.
4. St. Charles, Point St. Charles, Montreal, Quebec.
5. Prince Rupert's, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
6. Bruce, Petrolia, Ont.

I hope these new subordinates will prove worthy of your trust. But as to this, and all other information referring to local matters, the reports of the several Grand Superintendents of Districts will be your sure guide, and as regards the financial affairs of Grand Chapter—which are satisfactory—your own excellent officers, Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe, are your standard and reliable references. The disbursements authorized by Grand Chapter have all been defrayed, upon the requisite vouchers.

And here it will not be out of place to state that your Grand Treasurer, R. E. Companion Noel, having left to become a resident of Manitoba, delivered over his books and papers, and I appointed R. E. Comp. J. W. Murton, of Hamilton, to be Acting Grand Treasurer until this Convocation, who has very kindly and willingly performed the duties, and I have much pleasure in thus making known to Grand Chapter the assistance that Companion Murton has hereby rendered.

R. E. Companion Noel I nominated Grand Superintendent of Manitoba, as a slight token of recognition and appreciation of his services to Grand Chapter.

Notices of motion were given last year, first, for holding the annual Convocation permanently at Toronto; and, second, for the recognition by Grand Chapter of certain rites and degrees not at present included in the constitution; and these, if not allowed to fall through, will need your consideration.

The Grand Scribe E. has received copies of the proceedings of various Grand Chapters, with all which bodies the Grand

Chapter of Canada is in very friendly relationship. A report will be presented by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which will doubtless prove interesting, for these proceedings are full of valuable information, contain many statistics, and also numerous decisions, in every way inviting notice, for our Companions of the United States are by no means niggardly in dispensing light and knowledge; on the contrary they appear to delight in so doing.

The representative system is evidently gaining ground and popularity. During the past year I have been advised of the appointment of R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson as Representative of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, near this Grand Chapter, and I am led to believe that he has likewise been so nominated by the Grand Chapter of the State of New York. R. E. Comp. Robert Ramsay is nominated Representative of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, near this Grand Chapter. I have on good recommendation appointed as representatives of the Grand Chapter of Canada R. E. Comp. John Edwin Mason near the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and R. E. Comp. James H. Miles near the Grand Chapter of Illinois, all which are, of course, subject to your approval.

I received a communication, through R. E. Comp. Col. McLeod Moore, from a body styling itself the Grand Royal Ark Lodge of England, seeking recognition and an exchange of Representatives with us. Although aware of the existence of this body in England, I failed to understand its connection with Royal Arch Masonry, and therefore contented myself with promising to submit the matter to Grand Chapter at this Convocation, leaving Comp. Moore to proceed with it or not as he might think proper. I may here remark the Grand Royal Ark Lodge of Canada has since been organized.

The Grand Mark Lodge of England, which was recognized by Grand Chapter in 1870, also sought an interchange of Representatives. I requested the Grand Scribe E. to write and state that any representative must necessarily be a Principal

or Past Principal of a Chapter, and could, of course, act only upon matters relating to the Mark Degree. The subject is attended with some little difficulty, because here the mark is quite subordinate to the Royal Arch, and it should have the careful consideration of Grand Chapter.

Since this application was received, I understand that the Grand Mark Lodge of England is trying to assume some control over the Mark Degree here, by granting or proposing to grant warrants for conferring the same. I requested the Grand Scribe E., through whom the information reached me, to write to England, to the effect that the Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master Degrees, commonly styled "Intermediate" in Quebec and Ontario, belong to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada exclusively; that any Mark Warrant issued from and by England could not be recognised, and ought to be withdrawn and cancelled, and that any other course could not fail to seriously imperil the friendly relations now existing between the two bodies.

A warrant is said to have been asked by the St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, Montreal, on the Registry of England, and one of those Chapters still working in Canada but retaining its allegiance to the Grand Chapter of England by sufferance and good faith on the part of the Grand Chapter of Canada. The transaction has anything but a pleasant look, and betrays a seeming want of courtesy towards us, which may not, however, be intended. I know of nothing to prevent St. Paul's Chapter applying to this Grand Chapter for all requisite authority to work the Intermediate Degrees, which are not recognized by the Grand Chapter of England as necessary to be conferred preparatory to a candidate's exaltation to the Royal Arch. It is very advisable for Grand Chapter to place on record an opinion on this entire subject, so that its propriety or otherwise may not be left to linger in uncertainty.

There is a subject to which I feel it to be my duty, as well as my happiness, to invite your special attention. I mean the merciful restoration to health and the British Empire of our most illustrious Brother and Companion, His Royal Highness

the Prince of Wales, and the joy and glad relief thereby afforded to our good and gracious Queen, the amiable and lately sorrowing Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family, in whose natural anxiety the whole nation has borne its loyal share. We have indeed great reason to return our heartfelt thanks to the "Giver of all Good" for this, one of his manifold mercies, in thus giving back from the very brink of the grave the hope of the British Dominions, and over which the sun never sets. I hardly need, I think, suggest a loyal address of congratulation and warm sympathy to be prepared and sent to England. I see by a published document that the Grand Lodge of Canada has already performed its part of this grateful duty, and I regret that their Address is not made a joint one emanating from our two bodies. We belong to the same time honored institution; are actuated by the same loving loyalty and devotion to the Crown, and we are in close communion one with another. Perhaps Grand Chapter may see the propriety of this joint action, and probably it is not too late to send a communication to the Grand Lodge expressive of our desire to unite in this course. Their Address speaks your sentiments most fully, I am very sure, and most appropriately, and cannot do otherwise than insure your cordial co-operation. It is for you to decide.

Before concluding I must state that there is one unfortunate cause of difficulty which Grand Chapter in its wisdom will, I trust, arrange. Discord is at work in Prevost Chapter, No. 14, Dunham, and I fear that it owes its origin to what we all understand as the "Quebec Difficulty," to which, however, I need not further allude. I am afraid that Companions have suffered their feelings to find entrance into their Chapter. I thought I had successfully prevented this, but seem to my sorrow to have failed. The papers relating to this matter are with the Grand Scribe E., and will enlighten you sufficiently without my occupying more of your time than I now have by entering into details. I hope most sincerely that the outstanding grievance and Masonic scandal will be removed by your action.

And now I will conclude by reminding Grand Chapter that

new officers have to be elected. You have given me your confidence by choosing me for eleven years to be your Grand First Principal. I cannot sufficiently express my grateful sense of your kindness, but I have endeavored, to the best of my judgment, to repay your trust by fulfilling my duties zealously, faithfully and impartially, and trying to promote the welfare of Grand Chapter. The period has now arrived when I must seriously ask to be released from my high office. I have not nearly so much leisure now to attend to the details of Freemasonry as I had, although I shall ever take an earnest interest therein and in our Order generally. I therefore invite you to select from among the many good and true men you have among you, one to succeed me as your presiding officer. However little I may care to spare my own self, I feel that I can no longer do full justice to Grand Chapter, though quite as much devoted to you as ever. I will, therefore, offer my *farewell* except as an individual member and Companion. My best thanks are due, and I tender them to my Companion officers for their attention and kindness. Your Grand Scribe E. I cannot sufficiently praise; he is a treasure to Grand Chapter, and fortunate it is for the Grand First Principal to be able to have such a valuable officer at his elbow. R. E. Comp. T. B. Harris and I have never had one single difference since we have been, for so long a period, brought into official and friendly contact with each other.

I pray that the "Great I Am" will spare us to meet together next year in health and happiness, and may He preserve our Order, and protect and care for you all. So mote it be!

T. DOUGLAS HARRINGTON,

GRAND Z., &c.

OTTAWA, 12th August, 1872.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. David McLellan, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thomas Sargant, and resolved—

That the Address of the M. E. Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee, to report thereon to this Convocation.

The reports of the various Grand Superintendents of Districts were read, as follows :

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Grand Principals and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

I am happy to inform you by this my report that Royal Arch Masonry in the London District is in a most flourishing condition. I have visited St. George's Chapter, London, and found it working most efficiently, and steadily increasing in numbers. Wawanosh Chapter is also working well and progressing as usual.

Up to the time of our last annual Convocation these were the only two Chapters in this District. Since then, however, I had the pleasure with the assistance of the Grand Scribe E. and E. Comp. Charles Sharp, of Guelph Chapter, of consecrating Wellington Chapter, at Chatham, and installing the Principals. I have also visited it again and found it working admirably and giving promise of still further efficiency.

An application has been made for and a dispensation granted to Bruce Chapter, Petrolia, and the Companions residing at St. Thomas are also about to apply for a Warrant of Constitution which no doubt will be granted. So that in a short time I trust we will have five Chapters in London District, instead of two as formerly. No question whatever has arisen requiring attention on my part.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. MACKENZIE,

GRAND SUPT., London District.

SARNIA, ONT., August 1, 1872.

WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

In submitting the following brief report of the condition of

Capitular Masonry in the Wilson District for the past year, I have much pleasure in being able to state that the Chapters still continue to work regularly and prosperously, and that harmony and true fraternal feeling prevail throughout the District.

In March last I was present at the dedication of the new Masonic Hall in Simcoe, which has been fitted up with great taste, and has large and convenient ante-rooms. At the conclusion of the ceremony a very interesting and appropriate address was delivered by the M. W., the present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, W. M. Wilson.

On the following evening I was present at the regular Convocation of Ezra Chapter, which I was pleased to see very numerous attended. A large amount of work was disposed of and several candidates exalted during the evening.

I regret to say that at the late disastrous fire in Ingersoll the new Masonic Hall in that town, with all its contents, was entirely destroyed, entailing a heavy loss on the lodges of the town, the Chapter furniture and jewels were, however, fully insured. Through the exertions and enterprise of E. Comp. C. A. Sorley another hall is now being erected, which will surpass the old one both in size and convenience. It is expected to be ready for occupation before the close of the year. In the meantime the meetings of Harris Chapter will be held in the Masonic Hall, Woodstock, which has been placed at their disposal by the Chapter and Lodges in that town.

When the building above referred to is complete the Chapters in the District, viz., at Woodstock, Simcoe, Brantford and Ingersoll will be provided with commodious and handsome halls, equal, I may venture to say, to any in the Province.

In conclusion, allow me once more to thank the Companions of the District for the many acts of kindness and hospitality bestowed upon me during the years I have held my present position.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. L. BEARD,

GRAND SUPT., Wilson District.

WOODSTOCK, ONT., August 1, 1872.

HURON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Principals, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I herewith beg to present my report upon the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Huron District.

In the month of September last I recommended a petition for a new Chapter at Elora, when the M. E. Z. was pleased to comply with the request of the petitioners, and granted a Dispensation. On the 29th day of November I visited Elora, installed the Principals elect, and conferred the whole of the Degrees upon a number of candidates. I am of opinion that this Chapter will prosper from the zeal and intelligence with which the First Principal has taken up the work, and from the character of its membership.

In November last I recommended a petition for a new Chapter at Walkerton, which the M. E. First Principal was also pleased to grant. On the 18th of January I proceeded to Walkerton to install the Principals, but found the First Principal elect absent, having been subpoenaed to Toronto. E. Comp. Toms (who was to have assisted me) was the only one notified of the fact, consequently did not attend, and thus I was not able to accomplish anything, after losing three days of valuable time.

On the 10th of January I attended at St. Mary's to institute and install the Principals and officers of St. James' Chapter, No. 46, who, although the warrant was granted at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, had not up to this time commenced work. On my arrival the other two Principals who had promised to attend to assist me, I found to be absent, consequently could do nothing but give a general instruction in the work. Finding, after repeated efforts, it to be impossible to secure the assistance of the requisite number of First Principals, I had to request the fraternal assistance of my Excellent Companions of the London District. On the 29th of January the Principals elect proceeded to London and were

there installed, and received a most hearty welcome from my esteemed Companions of that District. On the 14th of February I again attended their Chapter, and formally commenced the work, and conferred the Degrees on a large number of candidates. I have since this time visited and conferred degrees on some three or four occasions, and am now pleased to report this Chapter in good working order. It is in good hands under the care of E. Comp. Harding, who is well supported by his officers and members. On the 18th June I again visited Walkerton, installed the Principals and conferred the three first Degrees on some eight or nine candidates. The members of this chapter are zealous in their endeavors to advance the Chapter, but the Principals labor under much difficulty in not having any skilled Companions convenient to assist and instruct them.

I, at the same time and place, installed the First Principal elect of Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich.

From my time being so much occupied in assisting the newly-formed Chapters, I have not been able to visit the older ones in the District; which I regret, however. Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt, is in the hands of experienced officers, and has the supervision of R. E. Comp. Patterson, Past G. S., consequently requires no assistance from me. It is very prosperous.

Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich, is in the same position, with efficient officers.

Guelph Chapter, No. 40, I regret I cannot speak so favorably of. There appears to have been a want of harmony amongst its members. I have every hope that this difficulty is being overcome, and trust that by a wise discretion of the officers and the practice of forbearance amongst its members, it may soon resume its position as one of the best Chapters in the District.

Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, over which I have the honor to preside, has been placed in a strange position. Nearly the whole of the Companions resident in the town, and on whom we depend for our working, have been lost to us by death or

removals, consequently with a membership of over forty, scattered over a large extent of country, I was for some months unable to open the Chapter. This loss was more severely felt, from the fact that nearly all were skilled Companions. We have since taken some good candidates and reorganized the Chapter, I am happy to state it is now in good working order.

I trust Grand Chapter will see fit to issue warrants to Elora and Saugeen Chapters.

In June last I received a complaint from E. Comps. Petrie and Mudge, of Guelph Chapter, objecting to the action taken by the First Principal in conducting the business of said Chapter. Upon receiving the explanation of the First Principal I decided there was no cause of complaint, the difficulty arising only from an unfortunate want of harmony, but which I trust has since passed away.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DUTTON,

GRAND SUPT., Huron District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I have very great pleasure in reporting that the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Hamilton District is eminently satisfactory.

With one exception, I have visited, during the past year, all the Chapters in this jurisdiction, and was exceedingly gratified at the manner in which the work was exemplified.

My arrangements to visit the Companions at St. Catharines and from which visit I had anticipated much pleasure, were suddenly and completely prevented by severe family affliction. I am, however, confident that the management of the affairs of the Chapter there is in able hands.

I am deeply grateful to E. Comps. Braund, Hurssell and others for the kindness shown to me on the occasion of my visit to McCallum Chapter, Dunnville. The Companions there are earnest and zealous members of the craft.

At the regular Convocation of St. John's Chapter, No. 6, in December last, I had the pleasure of investing E. Comp. Hugh A. Mackay, the present Grand First Assistant Sojourner.

I have to thank E. Comp. J. J. Mason for the assistance he has rendered me during the past year.

No complaints have been laid before me.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD MITCHELL,

GRAND SUPT., Hamilton District.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Grand Principals, and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

Herewith I beg respectfully to submit my report regarding the state of Capitular Masonry in the Toronto District.

I regret having been unable to visit all the Chapters in the District during the past year, but from information obtained from the officers of the Chapters in the country I can gladly report that they are in a very prosperous condition.

Regarding the Chapters in Toronto I can say that I installed the officers of the Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John and King Solomon's Chapter, and from the efficiency of the officers and the knowledge they have of their work, I need make no further comment upon the prosperity of said Chapters.

In conclusion, I have to thank the Officers and Companions of all the Chapters in the District for the very courteous and kind manner in which I have at all times been received during the three years I have been Grand Superintendent, and hope that my successor will meet with the same courtesies that I have done.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. SARGANT,

GRAND SUPT., Toronto District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :*

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit the following brief report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario District.

At the commencement of my year of office there were five Chapters in the District, viz.: "Pentalpha," No. 28, Oshawa; "Keystone," No. 35, Whitby; "Corinthian," No. 36, Peterborough; "Victoria," No. 37, Port Hope, and "Excelsior," No. 45, Colborne.

During the year I recommended the petition for establishing a new Chapter at Cobourg, to be called "St. John's" Chapter, for which a dispensation has been granted, and from the well-known ability and zeal of its First Principal, Ex. Companion W. H. Weller, assisted by other good officers and Companions, I have every confidence that the Chapter will soon be second to none in the District. I would respectfully recommend that a warrant be issued to this Chapter.

At a visit paid by me to "Excelsior" Chapter in May last, I found that irregularities had taken place not justified by the Constitution, also that the furniture necessary for properly working a Chapter had not been procured, but I am glad to learn that suggestions I then made have been promptly acted upon, and that the irregularities have been discontinued and the necessary furniture obtained, and that the Chapter is now working satisfactorily.

No complaints have come before me during the year, and I have to congratulate the Chapters of the District on the harmony and good feeling which exist among the Companions.

I regret to report that the hand of death has been felt in the District during the year, by the removal of R. E. Comp. S. B. Fairbanks, P. G. Supt., who was widely and favorably known as a zealous Mason and faithful Companion. His remains were interred with Masonic ceremonies, the funeral being also

largely attended by officers and members of the 34th Battalion of the Volunteers, of which Battalion our deceased Companion was Lieutenant-Colonel.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WRIGHT,

GRAND SUPT., Ontario District.

PORT HOPE, 13th August 1872.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in Annual Convocation assembled :

In accordance with the constitutional requirements of Grand Chapter, I have the honor to submit my report of the state of Royal Arch Masonry in Prince Edward District.

My labors, as Grand Superintendent, have been easy, owing to the efficient manner in which the duties had been performed by my predecessors in office, R. E. Comp. H. W. Day and R. E. Comp. H. W. Delany.

The number of Chapters remain as last year—four, viz.: Moira, No. 7, Belleville; St. Mark's, No. 26, Trenton; Prince Edward's, No. 31, Picton; and Mount Sinai, No. 44, Napanee.

Prince Edward's Chapter, No. 31, and Mount Sinai, No. 44, found themselves at their last annual Convocation for the election of officers peculiarly situated, not having a Companion amongst them willing to accept the office of First Principal Z., each Chapter was therefore under the necessity of electing a Companion, who though having filled the office of Third and Second Principal with satisfaction, had not served the office of Worshipful Master of a Craft Lodge. Applications had therefore to be made to the M. E. Grand Z. to grant his dispensations to install the Companions so elected, which he kindly granted, on receipt of which I duly installed the First Principal and Officers of Prince Edward's Chapter, assisted by E. Comps. Donald Fraser and David Denoon, on the 3rd of January, and

the officers of Mount Sinai Chapter, on the 11th January, 1872. Both Chapters are working regularly.

Moirs Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, I was unable to visit when I intended. I know that it is well presided over by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, Past Grand J., and St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, by R. E. Comp. Delany.

No Masonic complaints have been officially made to me during my term of office.

In conclusion, I have to tender my thanks to the Companions throughout the District for their uniform kindness in my official intercourse with them.

All of which is most fraternally submitted.

DONALD ROSS,

GRAND SUPT., Prince Edward District.

PICTON, ONT., 12th August 1872.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Council, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

I have the honor to submit the following brief report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Central District.

I have visited three Chapters in this District, viz.: Ancient Frontenac, No. 1; Cataraqui, No. 12, and Grenville, No. 22, and regret that I have not been able to visit the remaining one, Carleton, No. 16, of the city of Ottawa.

Ancient Frontenac, No. 1, and Cataraqui Chapters, No. 12, of this city, are both progressing very favorably, but I am sorry that no amicable arrangement has been made towards the amalgamation of the two Chapters, which has been the wish of a number of the Companions of both Chapters; but as the time has passed nothing remains but for them to work on and add good material to both, which I am happy to say they have done since last report.

It afforded me a great deal of pleasure in visiting Grenville

Chapter, No. 16, Prescott, and also in now bearing testimony to the working of the Chapter under its present Z., and find it has made great progress and added to its membership, which will be seen by Grand Chapter returns. The members express a determination to press forward in their work so as to be second to none in the District, thus casting off the slumber that has been around them for past few years.

I am happy in stating that no Masonic complaints have been made to me, and congratulate the Chapters of this District on the good feeling which exists among the Companions.

It is with sorrow I report from our midst cut off by the hand of death since last returns Comp. David Fraser, of Ancient Frontenac Chapter, No. 1, whose loss is much deplored by the Companions.

I now tender my hearty thanks to the Companions of this District for their kindness to me on all occasions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. M. WILKINSON,

GRAND SUPT., Central District.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

To the M. E. the Grand Council and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

In accordance with the constitutional requirements of the Grand Chapter, I beg leave to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Montreal District.

I have much pleasure in reporting to the M. E. Grand Council that the several Chapters in this District working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, are in a prosperous and flourishing condition.

In March last I received a dispensation from the M. E. Grand Z. for holdidg a R. A. Chapter at Point St. Charles, to be called St. Charles Chapter (R. E. Comp. T. Milton, Z.) and on the 19th March, 1872, it was formally opened by me, and I have much pleasure in reporting that it has since continued to

work in a regular and constitutional manner, and I would cordially recommend that a warrant be granted to the said Chapter.

It affords me very great pleasure to be able to report that no Masonic complaints have been made to me during my term of office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. HENRY STEARNS,

GRAND SUPT., Montreal District.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

Agreeably with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District.

During the past year I have not visited Golden Rule Chapter, No. 9, Sherbrooke. I have communicated several times with its principal officers, and from the information received I fear but little advancement has been made by the Chapter during the period above mentioned.

"Prevost" Chapter, No. 14, Dunham, still continues in its onward progress. During the past year twelve members have been added to its list, which now numbers forty-six. E. Comp. H. W. Woods, the present First Principal Z., is most zealous in his duties, and is well supported by his subordinate officers. The general prosperity of the Chapter more than surpasses the expectations of the most sanguine at the time of the resuscitation of the Chapter in 1868.

"Dorchester" Chapter, No. 17, Waterloo, is also in a prosperous condition, though not making as marked advancement as its sister "Prevost." However, with reference to "Dorchester," it is but fair to state that its field of action is not nearly so extensive as that of "Prevost," situated in the im-

mediate vicinity of several symbolic lodges. I had the pleasure of visiting "Dorchester" Chapter in November last, and assisted R. E. Comp. Taylor, First Principal Z., P. G. Supt. of the District, in the labors of the evening.

The difficulty existing in this Province in Craft Masonry undoubtedly exercises an adverse influence in Capitular Masonry, but I am happy to state that as far as I am aware, in this District, at least, no serious effect has as yet been witnessed. All attempts to mingle the feeling pervading the one with that which should and does govern the other, has been promptly put down, and the several Chapters have applications from and receive brethren alike acknowledging the "Canada" and "Quebec" jurisdictions.

It is with regret that I have learned that a few of the Companions in this Province have quietly been discussing the expediency of establishing a Grand Chapter for the Province of Quebec. However, I sincerely trust that the majority of the Companions of the Province, supported by the Grand Chapter of Canada, will persistently and effectually resist any such foolish move until such time, at least, as shall have been settled beyond controversy, the difficulties which at the present time exist in Craft Masonry in this Province.

While I feel that my grateful acknowledgements are due to the Companions of this District for the kindness and courtesy they have uniformly extended to me in my capacity of Grand Superintendent of the District for the past three consecutive years, I would here express my earnest desire to be relieved of the duties appertaining to that office. Other Companions in the District are doubtless equally qualified with myself to discharge the duties of the office, and it is but right that they should do so.

I regret exceedingly, Most Excellent Sir and Companions, that circumstances prevent my attendance at the Grand Convocation the ensuing week, as I had fully purposed to do; but though absent in person, allow me to assure the Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter that I sincerely unite with

them each and all in earnest wishes for the continued advancement and prosperity of our Grand Chapter.

All which is, nevertheless, most respectfully submitted.

EDSON KEMP,

GRAND SUPT., Eastern Townships District.

NELSONVILLE, P. Q., 10th August, 1872.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

It affords me great pleasure to report the continued prosperity of Stadacona Chapter, the only one in this District. The number of members is almost the same, the additions to the register during the year having made up for the resignations caused by the withdrawal of the military. The duties of my office have been made light on account of the prevailing harmony among the Companions, which has not been disturbed by what is known as "the Grand Lodge of Quebec question," for happily all here are of one mind on that subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. DUNBAR,

GRAND SUPT., Quebec District.

QUEBEC, 12th August, 1872.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

To the Most Excellent Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada :

In accordance with the Constitutional requirements of Grand Chapter, I have the honor to submit the following as my report of the state of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction.

The Chapters in this District, under the authority of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada continue in good working order.

The increase of membership in each of the Chapters during the past official year has been considerable, and it is a source of pleasure to add that those admitted within our portals have been well tried and found to be such as we are authorized to receive.

I would especially mention the exaltation in New Brunswick Chapter, No. 10, of two Grand Masters of this Province, that of M. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, M. P. P., of the fraternity of F. & A. M., and the Grand Master George H. Dick, of the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick.

No complaint from individuals or Chapters have been presented to me.

Throughout the jurisdiction R. A. Masons have been pursuing their labors with commendable zeal and fidelity. The harmony has been continuous, affording opportunity for the healthy growth of our institution and giving your Grand Superintendent but little to comment upon. This of itself is evidence of the worth of our brotherhood.

On the 16th October last I was called upon to install the Officers, and dedicate to Masonic purposes the Hall which the Companions of "Botsford Chapter, No. 39," and other members of the fraternity of F. & A. M., residing in Monckton, N.B., erected and fully furnished for their respective uses. I found the building to be convenient and commodious, and the paraphernalia and other outfits got up in excellent taste, creditable alike to the Royal Craft and the liberal-hearted members.

The Chapter was duly opened, the Hall consecrated, and the First Principal Z. Comp. John L. Harris, duly obligated and installed into the chair of his office, and proclaimed accordingly. Subsequently the remaining elected and appointed officers were installed and invested.

The Companions composing "Botsford Chapter" are men of resolution and seem determined to give life and vigor to Royal Arch Masonry.

Here I would thank Principals Judge Botsford and Harris, D. L. King and other Companions for the kindly manner in which I was received, and the subsequent courtesies extended to me.

At the last regular stated Convocation of New Brunswick Chapter, No. 10, now held on the second Tuesday of each month, being assisted by Past First Principals R. E. Comp. Edward Willis, M. P. P., and V. E. First Principal James McNichol, Jr. I opened a Council of First Principals and conferred the chair degrees of H. and J. on the second and third Principals elect of this Chapter, viz., E. Comp. Henry Duffell, W. M. of the "Union Lodge of Portland," No. 10, F. and A. M., and E. Comp. Henry Gilbert Hunt, W. M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, respectively. I also installed and invested them and those of the remaining officers then present. At this Convocation I may state that our zealous Grand Scribe E. Thomas Bird Harris, was elected Proxy Representative for New Brunswick Chapter, at the Grand Royal Arch Convocation, to be held August ensuing.

The elect First Principal, Dr. Joseph C. Hatheway, I much regret was prevented attending the meeting through sickness. At a special Convocation, however, held on the 19th instant he was enabled to be with us, and availing myself of the assistance of Past Grand Superintendent Robert Marshall and Past First Principal James McNichol, Jr., I opened a Council of First Principals and conferred the chair degree of Z. on Companion Hatheway and duly obligated and invested him into the chair of his office.

The returns of the Chapters here have doubtless reached the office of the G. S. E. ere this.

I examined the minutes and records of New Brunswick Chapter and found them properly and neatly kept. I may say the same of "Botsford Chapter" so far as I have been in a position to inspect them.

It affords me much pleasure thus to speak of our Chapters.
Respectfully submitted.

D. R. MUNRO,
GRAND SUPT., New Brunswick

MANITOBA.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

I beg to submit the following brief report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Manitoba.

In the beginning of July I had much pleasure, assisted by E. Comps. Spencer and Henderson in opening a Chapter to be called "Prince Rupert's Chapter," on which occasion quite a number of petitions were received, and a subsequent meeting balloted for and accepted, a proof that Royal Arch Masonry will flourish in this part of the Dominion.

I had also the pleasure, with the aid of the above named Companions, of installing the principal officers of said Chapter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN. V. NOEL,

GRAND SUPT., Province of Manitoba.

KINGSTON, August 10, 1872.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. S. B. Harman, and resolved—

That the reports of the Grand Superintendents just read be received and referred to the Executive Commtee.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted his Annual Statements of moneys received from Chapters since the last Annual Convocation, with Books, etc., and also a statement of the present standing of Chapters as extracted from the latest returns to hand.

ANNUAL CASH STATEMENT.

R. E. COMP. THOS. B. HARRIS, G. S. E., in account with Grand Chapter,
for the financial year 1872.

Dr.	\$ c.	1871.	Cr.
No. 1--Ancient Frontenac, Kingston.	38 60	Sept. 29. By Grand Treasurer.....	\$436 53
" 2--The Hiram, Hamilton.....	49 60	1872.	
" 4--St. Andrew & St. John, Tor'o.	27 40	Feb. 16. " "	119 30
" 5--St. George's, London.....	50 10	April 6. " "	400 00
" 6--St. John's, Hamilton.....	63 80	Aug. 5. " "	560 92
" 7--Moirs, Belleville.....			
" 8--King Solomon's, Toronto.....	32 20		
" 9--Golden Rule, Sherbrooke.....	1 00		
" 10--New Brunswick, St. John, N.B.			
" 12--Cataragui, Kingston.....			
" 13--Stadacona, Quebec.....	28 40		
" 14--Prevost, Dunham.....	29 58		
" 15--Wawanosh, Sarnia.....	39 45		
" 16--Carleton, Ottawa.....	35 80		
" 17--Dorechester, Waterloo.....	19 60		
" 18--Oxford, Woodstock.....	14 30		
" 19--Mount Moriah, St. Catharines	24 60		
" 20--Mount Horeb, Brantford.....	25 10		
" 21--Carnarvon, Montreal.....	10 40		
" 22--Grenville, Prescott.....	78 40		
" 23--Ezra, Simcoe.....	1 30		
" 24--Tecumseh, Stratford.....	16 40		
" 25--Mount Horeb, Montreal.....	77 60		
" 26--St. Mark's, Trenton.....	1 00		
" 27--Manitou, Collingwood.....	15 20		
" 28--Pentalpha, Oshawa.....			
" 29--McCallum, Dunnville.....	9 60		
" 30--Huron, Goderich.....	43 40		
" 31--Prince Edward's, Picton.....	23 10		
" 32--Waterloo, Galt.....	40 20		
" 34--Signet, Orillia.....	62 36		
" 35--Keystone, Whitby.....	77 20		
" 36--Corinthian, Peterboro.....	34 40		
" 37--Victoria, Port Hope.....	19 90		
" 38--Seymour, Bradford.....	52 40		
" 39--Botsford, Moncton, N. B.....	43 90		
" 40--Guelph, Guelph.....			
" 41--Harris, Ingersoll.....	56 40		
" 42--Montreal, Montreal.....	11 00		
" 43--Royal Albert, Montreal.....	57 00		
" 44--Mount Sinai, Napanee.....	34 00		
" 45--Excelsior, Colborne.....	50 00		
" 46--St. James', St. Mary's.....	50 00		
" 47--Wellington, Chatham.....			
U. D.--St. John's, Cobourg.....	40 00		
U. D.--Elora, Elora.....	40 00		
U. D.--Saugeen, Walkerton.....	40 60		
U. D.--St. Charles, Point St. Charles.	40 00		
U. D.--Prince Rupert's, Winnipeg..	10 00		
U. D.--Bruce, Petrolia.....			
Grand Supt. Huron District.....	2 00		
	\$1,516 75		\$1,516 75

The following Chapters have since paid:--Nos. 7, 13, 14, 35, 40, 42, 47,

BALANCES IN LEDGER, AUGUST, 1872.

N o.	NAME.	PLACE.	LAST RETURNS, VARIOUS	1871	1872		cts.		Cr.	cts.
					\$	DR.	\$	DR.		
1	Ancient Frontenac.....	Kingston, O.....	January		1872	00	00			
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton, O.....	January		1872	2	00			
4	St. Andrew and St. John.....	Toronto, O.....	January		1872	00	00			
5	St. George's.....	London, O.....	January		1872	5	00			
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton, O.....	January		1872	00	00			
7	St. John's.....	Belleville, O.....	January		1872	00	40			40
8	Moira.....	Toronto, O.....	January	1871	1872	53	00			
9	King Solomon's.....	Sherbrooke, Q.....	January		1872	50	00			90
10	Golden Rule.....	St. John, N. B.....	June	1871	00	00	00			00
11	New Brunswick.....	Kingston, O.....	January	1871	00	00	00			00
12	Cataraqui.....	Quebec, Q.....	January	1871	00	00	00			00
13	Stadacona.....	Dunham, Q.....	January	1871	17	80	00			60
14	Prevost.....	Sarnia, O.....	January		00	00	00			00
15	Wawanosh.....	Ottawa, O.....	January		1872	00	00			00
16	Carleton.....	Waterloo, Q.....	January		1872	00	00			00
17	Oxford.....	Woodstock, O.....	January		1872	00	00			00
18	Mount Moriah.....	St. Catharines, O.....	January		1872	00	00			00
19	Mount Horeb.....	Brantford, O.....	January		1872	00	00			00
20	Mount Horeb.....	Montreal, Q.....	January		1872	00	00			00
21	Carnarvon.....	Montreal, Q.....	January		1872	00	00			00
22	Grenville.....	Prescott, O.....	January		1872	00	00			00
23	Ezra.....	Simcoe, O.....	January		1872	00	00			00
24	Tecumseh.....	Stratford, O.....	July	1871	00	00	00			00
25	Mount Horeb.....	Montreal, Q.....	January		1872	5	70			
26	St. Mark's.....	Trenton, O.....	January	1871	00	00	00			00
27	Manitot.....	Collingwood, O.....	January		1872	00	00			00
28	Pentalpia.....	Oshawa, O.....	January		1872	10	30			
29	McCallum.....	Dunnville, O.....	January		1872	12	00			
30	Huron.....	Goderich, O.....	January		1872	00	00			00
31	Prince Edward.....	Pictou, O.....	January	1871	00	00	00			
32	Waterloo.....	Galt, O.....	January		1872	8	00			
33	Signet.....	Orillia, O.....	January		1872	00	00			
34	Keystone.....	Whitby, O.....	January		1872	00	00			
35	Corinthian.....	Peterboro', O.....	January		1872	00	00			
36	Victoria.....	Port Hope, O.....	January	1871	00	00	00			
37	Seymour.....	Bradford, O.....	January		1872	3	00			
38	Botsford.....	Moncton, N. B.....	January		1872	00	00			00
39	Guelph.....	Guelph, O.....	January	1871	00	00	00			
40	Harris.....	Ingersoll, O.....	January		1872	00	00			
41	Montreal.....	Montreal, Q.....	January	1871	00	00	00			
42	Royal Albert.....	Montreal, Q.....	January		1872	31	00			
43	Mont St. Al.....	Napanee, O.....	January		1872	00	00			
44	Excelsior.....	Coburne, O.....	January	1871	00	00	00			
45	St. James.....	St. Mary's, O.....	January	1871	54	00	00			
46	Wellington.....	Chatham, O.....	January	1871	00	00	00			
47	St. John's.....	Cobourg, O.....	January		1872	00	00			
U.D.	Elora.....	Elora, O.....	January		1872	00	00			
U.D.	Saugeen.....	Walkerton, O.....	January		1872	2	40			
U.D.	St. Charles.....	Point St. Charles, Q.....	January		1872	00	00			
U.D.	Prince Rupert's.....	Winnipeg, M.....	January		1872	30	00			
U.D.					1872	40	00			

TABULAR STATEMENT, extracted from the Returns for the year 1872.

Number.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	Number of Registrations	Number of Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Number of Members.	Amount of Fees paid.	
									d.	c.
		Balance forward	...	..	..	..	..	...	00	06
1	Ancient Frontenac....	Kingston, O.....	3	..	1	1	1	43	38	60
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton, O.....	15	..	3	..	1	58	49	60
4	St. Andrew & St. John	Toronto, O.....	2	..	3	..	1	95	27	40
5	St. George's.....	London, O.....	16	1	1	2	..	78	50	10
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton, O.....	14	..	5	..	..	127	63	80
7	† Moira.....	Belleville, O.....	8	..	3	..	2	59	..	..
8	King Solomon's.....	Toronto, O.....	4	..	..	7	..	101	32	20
9	*Golden Rule.....	Sherbrooke, Q.....	..	..	..	..	..	72	1	00
10	†New Brunswick.....	St. John, N. B.....	..	..	..	..	..	120	..	..
12	Cataraqui.....	Kingston, O.....	7	1	..	..	..	45	..	..
13	Stadacona.....	Quebec, Q.....	5	1	4	..	3	71	28	40
14	Prevost.....	Dunham, Q.....	11	1	1	..	..	41	29	58
15	Wawanosh.....	Sarnia, O.....	9	2	..	..	1	50	39	45
16	Carleton.....	Ottawa, O.....	6	3	..	..	1	72	35	80
17	Dorchester.....	Waterloo, Q.....	5	..	3	..	..	53	19	60
18	Oxford.....	Woodstock, O.....	2	3	4	7	..	34	14	30
19	Mount Moriah.....	St. Catharines, O.....	5	1	1	..	..	78	24	60
20	Mount Horeb.....	Brantford, O.....	1	1	2	..	..	33	25	10
21	Carnarvon.....	Montreal, Q.....	1	..	6	1	..	37	10	40
22	Grenville.....	Prescott, O.....	16	1	..	..	..	52	78	40
23	†Ezra.....	Simcoe, O.....	..	..	..	..	..	39	1	30
24	Tecumseh.....	Stratford, O.....	2	..	4	..	1	42	16	40
25	Mount Horeb.....	Montreal, Q.....	20	1	7	..	1	86	77	60
26	†St. Mark's.....	Trenton, O.....	..	..	..	..	..	24	1	00
27	Manitou.....	Collingwood, O.....	3	..	2	..	1	31	15	20
28	Pentalpha.....	Oshawa, O.....	2	..	30	..	1	31	..	..
29	McCallum.....	Dunnville, O.....	..	..	5	..	..	25	9	60
30	†Huron.....	Goderich, O.....	..	..	..	..	..	40	43	40
31	Prince Edward.....	Pictou, O.....	8	1	..	..	..	33	23	10
32	Waterloo.....	Galt, O.....	7	..	1	..	..	39	40	20
34	†Signet.....	Orillia, O.....	..	..	..	..	1	28	62	36
35	Keystone.....	Whitby, O.....	3	..	1	..	..	35	77	20
36	†Corinthian.....	Peterboro', O.....	..	..	..	..	..	27	34	40
37	Victoria.....	Port Hope, O.....	4	1	1	1	..	35	19	90
38	Seymour.....	Bradford, O.....	1	..	1	..	..	36	52	40
39	Botsford.....	Moncton, N. B.....	10	1	..	..	..	37	43	90
40	Guelph.....	Guelph, O.....	3	..	..	..	..	48	..	..
41	Harris.....	Ingersoll, O.....	9	..	1	..	..	26	56	40
42	Montreal.....	Montreal, Q.....	18	4	3	..	..	31	11	00
43	Royal Albert.....	Montreal, Q.....	14	1	..	..	..	25	57	00
44	Mount Sinai.....	Napanee, O.....	11	1	1	..	..	23	34	00
45	Excelsior.....	Colborne, O.....	7	..	..	..	..	16	50	00
46	†St. James'.....	St. Mary's, O.....	..	..	..	..	..	9	50	00
47	†Wellington.....	Chatham, O.....	..	..	..	..	..	9	00	00
48	St. John's.....	Cobourg, O.....	..	..	..	..	..	9	40	00
49	Elora.....	Elora, O.....	..	..	..	..	..	12	40	00
50	Saugeen.....	Walkerton, O.....	..	..	..	..	..	9	40	00
51	St. Charles.....	Point St. Charles, Q.....	..	..	..	..	..	12	40	00
52	Prince Rupert.....	Winnipeg, M.....	..	..	..	..	..	9	10	00
53	Bruce.....	Petrolia, O.....	..	..	..	..	..	14	00	00
	Grand Supt. Huron Dist.		..	..	..	..	..	..	2	00

* No Returns since Jan., 1869.

† No Returns since Jan., 1871.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters on the Roll.....	50
“ “ represented in Grand Chapter.....	38
“ Registrations reported.....	252
“ Joinings “.....	25
“ Withdrawals “.....	95
“ Suspensions “.....	19
“ Deaths “.....	15
“ Members on Roll of Chapters.....	2,154
“ Receipts for the year.....	\$1,516.75

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. H. Stearns, and resolved—

That the statements of the Grand Scribe E. be received and referred to the Executive Committee

V. E. Comp. N. Gordon Bigelow, presented the following Memorial on behalf of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario, asking recognition.

To the M. E. G. Z. and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

THE MEMORIAL OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS OF ONTARIO :

FRATERNALLY SHEWETH—That the Masonic rite known as Cryptic Masonry is of a kindred origin and nature with Royal Arch Masonry. It embraces four degrees called, respectively, Royal Master, Select Master, Super Excellent Master, and Red Cross of Babylon. These are conferred only upon those Companions who have previously obtained all those degrees over which the Grand Chapter of Ontario exercises control. This rite cannot therefore, in any way interfere with the prerogatives of the Grand Chapter.

On the eighth day of August, 1871, a Convocation of duly authorized delegates from the several Councils of this rite was held at the City of Toronto, and a Grand Council of the rite formed under the name of "The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario, with M. E. T. Douglas Harington, M. E. G. Z. of this Grand Chapter, as the first M. P. G. M. Since that date the order has steadily advanced, and a fraternal recognition has been extended by our Mother Grand Council (New Brunswick) and by a large number of other sister Grand Councils, and representatives exchanged.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Council held at Toronto on the thirteenth instant a resolution was passed expressing the desire of the Grand Council that a fraternal recognition should be extended by the Grand Chapter of this its sister order and that a memorial setting out those wishes should be prepared and presented to this Grand Chapter. Pursuant thereto this memorial is fraternally and respectfully presented, praying that the Grand Chapter of Canada may extend fraternal recognition to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario, and the several degrees over which it exercises Masonic jurisdiction.

Signed and sealed on behalf of the Grand Council at Toronto, this 14th day of August, A. D. 1872.

[SEAL.]

THOS. SARGANT Grand Recorder,
DANIEL SPRY, M. P. G. M.
N. GORDON BIGELOW, R. P. D. G. M.,

On motion the Memorial was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration.

In accordance with notice given at the last annual Convocation by R. E. Comp. R. Ramsay, it was moved by R. E. Comp. David McLellan, seconded by V. E. Comp. N. G. Bigelow—

That the Constitution be so amended as to include all the Degrees of the A. & A. Rite, Royal Order of Scotland, Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, Royal Ark Mariner, and also the Degrees of Cryptic Masonry, as being recognized by this Grand Chapter.

In amendment, it was moved by R. E. Comp. J. Dunbar, seconded by R. E. Comp. I. H. Stearns—

That the consideration as to the propriety of this Grand Chapter extending recognition to all or any of the Degrees, as recited, be referred to the Executive Committee.

A vote of Grand Chapter having been taken on the amendment, it was declared to be in the affirmative.

R. E. Comp. J. K. Kerr, Representative of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, in accordance with the desire of that body, submitted the following correspondence, arising out of the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree by "Carnarvon" Chapter, Montreal, on a Brother who had received the Mark Master and Past Master's Degrees in "Thetis" Chapter, Glasgow, Scotland.

SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND,

Scribes Chambers, 3 North St. David Street,

EDINBURGH, 25th January, 1872.

M. E. SIR AND COMPANION :—I have been directed to request that you will communicate with the Representative of the Supreme Chapter at the Grand Chapter of Canada, J. Kirkpatrick Kerr, Esq., care of T. B. Harris, Esq., G. S. E., Grand Chapter of Canada, Hamilton Ontario, relative to a question which has arisen as to the exaltation of a Companion.

It appears that a brother of the name of R. P. Murray received the Mark Master and Past Masterdegrees in the Thetis Chapter, Glasgow, No. 122, with the view of being exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, but before he had an opportunity of receiving the latter degree he was obliged

to leave for Canada. On his arrival there some sort of arrangement was made by the Thetis Chapter and the Carnarvon Chapter in Montreal, holding of the Grand Chapter of Canada, No. 21, whereby the latter Chapter conferred the degree as for the Thetis Chapter upon Brother Murray. The Thetis Chapter then applied to me for a diploma, but as our diplomas bear that on a certain day and in a certain Chapter the brother was exalted, and as in point of fact Brother Murray was not and could not be so exalted in the Thetis Chapter, he being then in Canada, I declined to give a diploma, and the Supreme Chapter endorsed the view I had taken. What Bro. Murray should have done was to have affiliated into a Canadian Chapter as a Past Master, and then taken the Excellent and Arch degrees, but he has not done so, and now he is recognized by neither body. Be so good as ascertain from our Representative the views of the Grand Chapter of Canada on the subject, and how they think the matter is to be put right. My own view is that the only thing to be done is to get Bro. Murray recorded as a member of the Canadian Chapter, and, if need be, exalted of new.

I am, Most Excellent Sir and Companion,

Yours fraternally,

L. MACKERSY, G. S. E.,

S. C. OF SCOTLAND.

A. J. STEWART, Esq.,

Representative from Grand Chapter of Canada,

98 George Street.

MONTREAL, OCT. 19th, 1871.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION :—In reply to your favor of 3rd August last requesting more information, with documentary evidence, of the exaltation of Comp. R. B. Murray, I have pleasure in sending, as requested, a copy of the minutes of that evening, also bearing the signature of the E. Z., and the seal of our Chapter. By giving the matter your attention, you will oblige,

Yours fraternally, :

T. C. STRATTON, S. E.,

CARNARVON CHAPTER, No. 21, C. R.

THOS. CLOTWORTHY, Esq., S. E.,

Thetis Chapter, Glasgow.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR CONVOCAION OF CARNARVON CHAPTER,
No. 21, R. C., HELD ON THE 20TH APRIL, 1871 :

"Bro. R. B. Murray, a member of Thetis Chapter, Glasgow, being in attendance, was introduced, properly prepared and exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The Scribe E. was then instructed to

communicate to Thetis Chapter (at whose request the Brother had been exalted) the fact of the Brother having received this degree, and requesting them to forward his diploma."

Given under our hand and the seal of the Chapter, at Montreal, this 19th day of October. 1871.

F. M. SOWDON, Z.,
GRAND J., GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

T. C. STRATTON, Scribe E.

The matters in connection with the foregoing and the questions involved having been duly considered, it was moved by R. E. Comp. J. K. Kerr, seconded by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, and resolved—

That on Carnarvon Chapter, No. 21, Montreal, on the registry of this Grand Chapter, making return of the exaltation to the Supreme Degree of the "Holy Royal Arch" of Comp. R. B. Murray, a member of Thetis Chapter, No 122, Glasgow, Scotland. The Grand Scribe E. do issue a certificate of such exaltation in favor of Comp. R. B. Murray, without payment of any fees, the said degree having been conferred to meet a courteous request of Thetis Chapter, on the Brother removing his residence to Canada.

E. Comp. W. Carey gave notice that at the evening session he would move that the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter be held at the city of London.

R. E. Comp. D. McLellan gave notice for Kingston.

R. E. Comp. T. Sargant gave notice for Ottawa.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 8 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT :

M. E. Comp.	Thompson	Wilson, as	Grand Z.	} Grand Council.
R. " "	W. B. Simpson, as	"	H.	
" " "	H. Robertson, as	"	J.	

On the Throne.

Grand Officers and Representatives:

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on

WARRANTS.

The Executive Committee beg to report that they have examined the several petitions for Warrants presented to the Grand Chapter at this Convocation, and have inspected the books and papers connected therewith, as follows :

St. John's Chapter.....	.....at Cobourg.
Elora "	.....at Elora.
Saugeen "	.....at Walkerton.
St. Charles "	.....Point St. Charles.
Prince Rupert's "	.....Winnipeg
Bruce "	.....Petrolia.

They beg to recommend that Warrants be granted by this Grand Chapter to the above Chapters, as prayed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

PRO CHAIRMAN.

August 14th, 1872.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, seconded by E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on the address of the M. E. the Grand Z. :

REPORT ON ADDRESS OF GRAND Z.

To the M. E. the Grand Chapter of Canada :

The Executive Committee would most respectfully beg to submit the following report on the Address of the M. E. the Grand First Principal :

Your Committee rejoice with the M. E. the Grand First Principal in the uninterrupted harmony and continued prosperity of this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee join with the M. E. the Grand First Principal in his expressions of satisfaction in reference to the friendly relations of this Grand Chapter with other Grand Chapters and the growth of the representative system, and they cheerfully recommend for confirmation the appointment of the distinguished Companions to represent this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapters of the District of Columbia and the State of Illinois.

Your Committee concur with the M. E. the Grand First Principal in apprehending great difficulty and a serious disturbance of our friendly relations with other Grand Chapters, in recognizing or attempting the interchange of representatives with Masonic bodies other than Grand Chapters, claiming jurisdiction over some of the degrees conferred in subordinate Chapters.

Your Committee would suggest that the M. E. the Grand First Principal should take such measures in reference to the claims of St. Paul's Chapter as he may deem advisable.

The merciful restoration to health of our most illustrious Companion, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, calls for our fervent gratitude to the Bountiful Giver of all good.

With regard to the difficulties in Prevost Chapter, No. 14, Dunham, the papers will doubtless be submitted by the Grand Scribe E. to the Grand Chapter, for such action as may be deemed expedient.

Your Committee are desirous of expressing their warmest sympathy with the M. E. the Grand First Principal in his present illness, and trust that under the blessing of the M. H. he may be restored to his wonted vigor. Every member of this Grand Chapter and every R. A. M. in this jurisdiction knows with what self-sacrificing devotion M. E. Comp. Harington has served this Grand Chapter. While attending faithfully to the duties of a highly onerous public position he has, during eleven years, with great ability and discretion, presided over this Grand Chapter. To him it is indebted in no

common degree for its present proud position among the Grand Chapters of the world. Though prevented joining in the deliberations of this Convocation, your Committee are assured of his warmest good wishes. Long may he be spared to join in our counsels and partake of the pleasures of our annual gatherings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

PRO CHAIRMAN.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Donald Ross, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on the address of the Grand Z. be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on the condition of Masonry:

CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The Executive Committee beg leave to present the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

The Committee has before it reports from all the Districts, and has to congratulate Grand Chapter on the very flourishing and prosperous condition of the old Chapters and the excellent prospects of the several Chapters that have been organized during the last year.

The Committee notices that in two Chapters in one District dispensations have been granted to enable Companions to fill the First Principal's chair, who had never been elected and installed as Masters of Lodges, and regrets that such should have been necessary, as your Committee is of opinion that it is not advisable, except under very special circumstances, to

place Companions who have not filled the Master's Chair in the important position of First Principal of a Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. B. HARMAN,

CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

It was moved by E. Comp. H. Macpherson, seconded by E. Comp. P. J. Brown, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on the condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

It was moved by E. Comp. W. Carey, seconded by R. E. Comp. John A. Mackenzie—

That the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter be held at the city of London.

In amendment it was moved by R. E. Comp. D. McLellan, seconded by E. Comp. John Wilson—

That the next Annual Convocation be held in the city of Kingston.

A vote of Grand Chapter having been taken, the city of Kingston was declared to be the place for holding the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Scribe E. presented to Grand Chapter a neatly bound copy of the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, seconded by R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, and unanimously resolved—

That the thanks of Grand Chapter be tendered to the Grand Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania for its presentation of a copy of its Constitution and By-laws.

The Grand Scribe E., on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted and commenced reading the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg to present their Annual Report. They have received the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Bodies, which are noticed in detail, as follows:

1. Scotland.....	1871	16. Nebraska.....	1871
2. Alabama.....	1871	17. New Jersey.....	1871
3. Arkansas.....	1871	18. New York.....	1872
4. District of Columbia.....	1871	19. Nova Scotia.....	1871
5. Illinois.....	1871	20. Ohio.....	1871
6. Indiana.....	1871	21. Oregon.....	1871
7. Iowa.....	1871	22. Pennsylvania.....	1871
8. Kansas.....	1871	23. South Carolina.....	1872
9. Kentucky.....	1871	24. Tennessee.....	1871
10. Louisiana.....	1872	25. Texas.....	1871
11. Maine.....	1871-72	26. Virginia.....	1871
12. Maryland.....	1871	27. West Virginia.....	1871
13. Michigan.....	1872	28. Wisconsin.....	1872
14. Mississippi.....	1872	29. General Grand Chapter...	1871
15. Missouri.....	1871		

The proceedings of the following Grand Chapters have not reached us, viz.: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Rhode Island and Vermont, a larger number than we have ever missed before. We cannot account for their non-reception.

Our review commences with the Grand Chapter of

SCOTLAND.

We have received the Annual Reporter of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, for the year ending March 21st, 1872.

During that period, two new charters were granted to

Chapters, as follows: No. 139, Malwa, Mhon, India; and No. 140, St. Andrew's, Georgetown, Demerara. One dormant Chapter was revived, No. 37, St. Machar's, Aberdeen, and one new warrant was granted to a Mark Master's Lodge, No. 26, True Friendship, Maryport. A Provincial Grand Superintendent was appointed for the Province of Lanarkshire.

A very important change was made in the working of the degrees sanctioned by the Grand Chapter, being nothing less than the total erasure of the Past Master's Degree. The Grand Lodge of Scotland, having agreed to adopt a degree to be conferred on Masters of Craft Lodges, the Grand Chapter gave up the degree of Past Master, and ordered it to be expunged from the series of degrees, authorized to be worked by virtue of charters granted to the subordinate Chapters by the Grand Chapter.

This change comes into operation on the 23rd September next, and until then Chapters may work the degree or not as they see fit. The alterations thus introduced into the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter will have the effect of assimilating the working in Scotland to that of England and Ireland.

On April 10, 1871, in answer to an inquiry from Delaware, the Supreme Committee decided that no one could be elected as First Grand Principal who was not a Scotch Royal Arch Mason, either by exaltation or affiliation; and that it is not necessary that the First Grand Principal should have filled the Chair in a subordinate Chapter.

December 20, 1871, the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada were presented and thanks voted therefor.

The Supreme Chapter resolved not to extend recognition to the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia. The reasons are given in the report of the Committee, as follows:

"From this last mentioned document, it appears that there are three Chapters on roll of the "Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia." That the total number of members of Chapters holding of it is 136. That during last year the number admitted was 30, and that the balance at the credit of the "Grand Chapter" is \$146.46, or in English money £30, 1s. 11d.

In these circumstances the Committee cannot recommend recognition. To recognize as a Grand Chapter a body having fewer members, fewer admissions during the year, and less funds at its credit, than each of several subordinate Chapters holding of the Supreme Chapter, which could be named, appears to your Committee to be making a burlesque of Grand Chapters, and has a manifest tendency to lower the dignity and impair the efficiency of Grand Chapters in general. Moreover the Chapters holding of the Supreme Chapter in Nova Scotia do not desire such recognition to be accorded, and the Committee think it would be most inexpedient to give any countenance to the body now seeking recognition.'

We continue our extracts relative to the Conference on the Mark Degree, and give the legislation on the degree of Past Master as connected therewith.

"In obedience to a remit from the Supreme Chapter, the Committee have carefully considered the published report of the proceedings of the Conference in London, and as copies of that report are in the hands of all members of the Supreme Chapter, it is unnecessary to say anything in addition to the facts therein contained. The object of the Conference primarily was to make some arrangement for the working of the Mark Master's Degree in England, but the more general and infinitely more important question has been raised, as to the possibility of bringing about uniformity of working the degrees in the three countries of England, Ireland and Scotland, and as the greater of these questions necessarily includes the lesser, the Committee will deal with that.

At the outset, and with the view of considering this question, it is of the greatest importance to keep in view the differences in the working in the different countries where the English language is spoken, in order that it may appear what changes would be necessary to harmonize these workings.

1. ENGLAND.—According to the constitutions and practice of the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England, no Degrees are sanctioned or wrought except the three Degrees of St. John's Masonry, viz.: Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, and the Royal Arch Degree, the latter being thus the fourth degree in their series. In addition to this, the Chair Degrees are conferred upon the Masters of Lodges and the three Principals of Chapters. These Chair Degrees, however, are not viewed as parts of Ancient Masonry, but the Committee believe rather as ceremonies with secrets attached to them. Beyond this, no degrees are sanctioned by the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England. It may also be noticed that these two Grand Bodies in England, although under different names, are, for all practical purposes, but one body.

2. SCOTLAND.—In Scotland the governing bodies of St. John's and Royal Arch Masonry are quite distinct, and although maintaining most friendly relations, and presided over by the same Brother and Companion, yet have no connection the one with the other.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland recognizes only the three degrees of St. John's Masonry, including the Mark, the latter being held to be a part of the Fellow Craft Degree, although its working by Lodges is optional, and, to prevent confusion with Brethren admitted under different constitutions, only conferred upon Master Masons and in a separate Lodge. The Grand Lodge has no Chair Degree for its Masters of Lodges. It has a Ceremonial for their installation, but this Ceremonial contains no secrets.

The Grand Chapter of Scotland recognizes and works the degrees in the following order:—(1.) Mark Master. (2.) Past Master. (3.) Excellent Master, including the Super Excellent Degree or passing the Veils; and (4.) The Royal Arch, the Excellent, Super Excellent, and Royal Arch Degrees are, however, in working, never separated. In addition to these there are some side degrees which may be worked under the Chapter Warrants, but which can be conferred only on Royal Arch Masons in possession of Diplomas, these are, (1.) The Royal Ark Mariners Degree, and (2) The Red Cross Degrees, consisting of Knights of the Sword, Knights of the East, Knights of the East and West. There are also the three Chair Degrees, restricted to the three Principals of Chapters.

3. IRELAND.—The Grand Lodge and Chapter of Ireland are, as regards constitution, more nearly akin to England, but as to the degrees recognized by them and worked by their Lodges and Chapters, they more nearly resemble Scotland.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland recognizes the three degrees of St. John's Masonry only, but it has a degree or ceremonial conferred on Masters of Lodges on their taking the Chair as in England, and no one can speak or vote at meetings of Grand Lodge as a Master, unless he be registered as the installed Master of a Lodge of St. John's Masonry, and possess a certificate.

The Grand Chapter recognizes, (1.) The Mark Master. (2.) The Excellent. (3.) The Super Excellent, and (4.) The Royal Arch. These last three degrees now, as in Scotland, form in Ireland one ceremony, although formerly they were worked separately. The "Virtual Past Masters" Degree, which was formerly given in Ireland, has been abolished. The Chapters in Ireland do not work the Ark Mariners Degree, but the three Principals of the Chapters receive Chair Degrees, applicable each to his Chair.

The Red Cross Degrees, consisting of Knights of the Sword, Knights of the East, and Knights of the East and West, are worked in Ireland under the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar.

4. AMERICA.—The American working is almost identical with the Scottish. In America there is a separate Grand Lodge and Chapter in every State of the Union, but these all agree in their system of working, excepting only the State of Pennsylvania, which adopts a slightly different view of the Past Master's Degree, which in the State is conferred under dispensation from the Grand Lodge, but in all the other States the following is the order of the degrees.

Under the Grand Lodges the three degrees of St. John's Masonry. These Grand Lodges have no Chair Degrees.

The Grand Chapters recognize the Mark Master, the Past Master, the Most Excellent Master, and the Royal Arch. In some States the degrees of Royal and Select Master are worked, but in each of these States there is a separate governing body for these degrees. The Ark Mariner is not worked under the Chapter Warrants and the Red Cross is worked as in Ireland, under the Grand Temple Encampments.

5. CANADA.—The working of the Grand Lodge and Chapter of Canada so much resembles the American working (except Pennsylvania) that it is unnecessary more particularly to notice it.

From the foregoing analysis of the workings of the Degrees in the different countries mentioned, it will be seen that all agree, with unimportant differences, except England—but that the English working is so very different from all the rest that much practical inconvenience arises in the case of English Companions visiting any other country where the English language is spoken.

With regard to the Scotch working, although in all essentials it corresponds with Ireland, America and Canada, still the Committee think that advantage might be taken of the present movement to assimilate the working of the Degrees in the different countries, to make some improvements upon the Scotch system, and with this view they would now suggest:—

1. That an attempt should be made to induce the Grand Lodge of Scotland to sanction a Ceremonial with Secrets to be given to the actual Master of a Craft Lodge on his taking the Chair, similar to that conferred in England and Ireland, and

2. That the Supreme Chapter should give up the working of the Past Master's Degree, as has been done in Ireland.

The advantages arising from these changes, both in the case of the Grand Lodge and Chapter of Scotland would be great. If the Grand Lodge would sanction such a ceremonial as has now been indicated, and would keep a record of the names of all installed Masters, and, if thought

necessary, furnish them with a Certificate or Diploma, for a small charge, as is done in the case of the Installed Principals of Scotch Chapters, not only would the Scotch working in this respect be brought into harmony with the English and Irish, but it would be a great boon to the Masters of Scotch Lodges themselves, and, by tending to raise their status, would be an encouragement to a better class of Masons to seek the honor of passing the Chair. At present there is no check upon any one calling himself a Past Master, and wearing the insignia of that rank, nor do any means exist by which a *bona fide* Past Master can establish his claim; but were a record kept and Diplomas issued an effectual remedy against these evils would be provided, and a Past Master would have evidence of his rank which he could carry about with him.

Again, as regards the Past Master's Degree, the Committee look upon it as a very undesirable one to keep up, if the Grand Lodge would consent to have genuine installed Masters. It is undoubted, that some very awkward mistakes have occurred in consequence of Companions who had received that Degree fancying themselves entitled to the rank of Past Masters in Craft Lodges, and, looking to the whole circumstances, the Committee would recommend the Supreme Chapter to take steps for the purpose of expunging that Degree from the series.

The more important matter, however, to be considered undoubtedly is the English working. As appears from the report of the Conference, and also from the analysis now given, there are no intermediate Degrees in England between the Master Mason and Royal Arch Degrees. This is so practically inconvenient in the other countries referred to that the Committee would recommend the Supreme Chapter once more to bring the whole matter before the Grand Chapter of England, and ask that Grand Body either to assume the management of the Degrees worked in all the other countries referred to, or to recognize some Grand Body in England to which the superintendence of these Degrees could be committed. But should the Grand Chapter of England decline to adopt either course, the Committee would recommend the Supreme Chapter, in conjunction with the Grand Chapter of Ireland, to consider as to according recognition, in so far as they are concerned, to a Governing Body in England over these Degrees.

As will be seen by referring to the Report of the Conference, the propriety of again approaching the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England was strongly deprecated by the representatives of the English Mark Lodge present at the Conference, and the Committee are not prepared to say that there may not be some force in the remarks then made, but from various considerations the Committee think another attempt should be made to get the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England to assume the management of the Degrees referred to.

1. The Committee are much impressed by the remarks of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M. P., at page 37 of the Report of the Conference, and which are as follow:

"BRO. BEACH.—There is considerable similarity in the working in Scotland and Ireland, America and Canada, and if certain points of want of similitude were conceded, the whole of the working might be made almost identical or uniform. The English working seems to be the only working different to a general system prevailing through the rest of these countries. Hitherto Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England have laid down the abstract rule that no new Degree shall be considered or recognized, because at the time of the Union certain conditions were agreed to and insisted on. They have had no special reason since that time to reverse the decision at which they then arrived. They did so on one occasion with reference to the Mark Degree, but on the confirmation of the minutes they repealed their own deliberate opinion. But if they were to be approached in a different manner, and told that though they might believe these Degrees to be intrinsically of no importance as far as the integrity of Freemasonry goes, but that a general system of uniformity being arrived at, if they could be induced to join or to consent to a general system, the whole of the system of Freemasonry of these various countries might be made almost uniform; then I think a degree of influence would be brought to bear, to which hitherto they had been strangers. There would be two courses for them to adopt, the one would be to consent to recognize these Degrees by themselves, and the other would be to give a tacit acknowledgment of them. They might be told that if they would not consent to work them themselves—which they might reasonably consent to do—they should give a consent to some organization which would take the position they themselves were not anxious to occupy. That seems to me a most desirable state of things to arrive at; and I, for myself, considering the number of Masons in England who are interested in promoting such a change, see no reason why it should not be promoted and arrived at."

2. In all other countries where the English language is spoken, except England, the Grand Lodges and Chapters are the recognized guardians of these Degrees, and there seems no good reason why England should stand alone, when the only effect of her system is to exclude her Members from Lodges in other countries.

3. The Committee would also remind the Supreme Chapter, that any former communications made to the Grand Chapter of England had reference to the Mark Degree alone, and contained merely a narrative of its position in England—but now a good deal of information as to the origin and history of the Degree, and the practical inconvenience arising from different workings under different constitutions, and the propriety of assimilating

them is fully brought out, and it is right the Grand Chapter of England should have an opportunity of considering these.

4. The Committee would not desire the recognition of any new Masonic Governing Body in England if this step could possibly be avoided, (1.) Because such body exists in no other country, and (2) because were such body recognized and becoming numerically very powerful, as it undoubtedly would, it might affect prejudicially the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England."

"Copies of this Report having been printed and circulated among the members of Supreme Chapter, a long discussion ensued, when ultimately it was moved by Comp. Mann, G. S. N., seconded by Comp John Lauric, P. Z., No. 72, and unanimously agreed to, that the Report of the Committee be approved of, and that the M. E. First Grand Principal be requested to communicate the same to the First Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of England, with a view to ascertaining if any and what arrangement can be made for giving effect to the objects of the Report; and, further, that the Report be also communicated to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, specially with reference to the Past Master's Degree."

"20TH DECEMBER, 1871.—Some discussion thereafter ensued as to the course the Supreme Chapter should take in the event of the Grand Lodge agreeing to sanction a Ceremonial or Degree to be conferred on the actual Masters^o Lodges; and, with the view of putting the matter in shape, Companion Mann, G. S. N., tabled the following motion for discussion to next Quarterly Communication :

That, in event of the Grand Lodge of Scotland resolving to confer a Chair Degree upon actual Masters of Lodges, the Supreme Chapter shall give up the working of the Past Masters Degree, and expunge it from the series of Degrees worked under Charters granted by the Supreme Chapter."

Copy of resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland at the Quarterly Communication, on 5th February, 1872:

1. "That the Grand Lodge shall recognize a Ceremonial or Degree to be conferred on Masters of Lodges on their taking the Chair of a Lodge, similar to that conferred in England and Ireland."

2. "That a Register shall be kept, by the Grand Clerk of Installed Masters, and he shall record the name of every Installed Master therein, and furnish a diploma upon a certificate being sent, signed by three recorded Installed Masters, that the Ceremonial or Degree has been duly conferred. The fee for registration and Diploma to be 2s. 6d.

3. "That this Ceremonial or Degree shall under no circumstances what-

ever be conferred on any one except the actual Master of a Lodge, or one who produces a certificate from the Lodge that he has occupied a chair as duly elected Master."

4. "That with the view of carrying out these resolutions, three or more Masters of Lodges or Past Masters, to be selected by the Grand Lodge, shall procure themselves duly installed by three or more English or Irish Installed Masters, and shall thereupon adjust the Ritual to be used in future."

5. "That thereafter the said Installed Masters shall duly install three or more Past Masters in the cities of Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, etc., and in any of the larger towns, the Brethren in which may desire it."

6 "That the Ceremonial or Degree shall only be conferred when three or more Installed Masters are present, and any Lodge having that number of Installed Masters present at a meeting may confer the Ceremonial or Degree upon its Masters; but in the event of any Lodge not having a sufficient number of Installed Masters, it shall be competent to the Master of that Lodge to procure himself duly installed at any Lodge having three Installed Masters, provided he produce evidence to the satisfaction of these Installed Masters that he is a *bona fide* Master of a Lodge."

No die.—Thereafter, Comp. Mann, G. S. N., proposed the motion on the subject of the Past Masters Degree, of which he had given notice at last quarterly communication, and the same having been seconded by Comp. William Hay, a discussion ensued, in which Comp. Matier and others took part. The Supreme Chapter unanimously resolved, in consequence of the Grand Lodge of Scotland having agreed to confer a degree upon the Actual Masters of Lodges, to give up the working of the Past Masters degree, and to expunge it from the series of degrees worked under Charters granted by the Supreme Chapter. Farther, with the view of carrying this resolution into effect, and to notify the same to all Chapters holding Charters from the Supreme Chapter, it was remitted to the Committee, with powers to make such alterations upon the Ritual, Charters, Diplomas and Laws of the Supreme Chapter as would meet the existing state of matters; also, to fix the date at which the law should come into operation, keeping in view the necessity of intimating the same to Foreign Chapters."

"MARCH 11, 1872.—Having taken up Remit from the Supreme Chapter as to the Past Masters Degree, and carefully considered the Ritual, Charter and Diploma, and Bye-Laws at present in use, the Committee made the necessary alterations on them, to meet the changes in the law, when the same came into operation; and, as it was necessary to communicate these changes to Chapters abroad, it was resolved that the New Law should be binding on and after, the 23d September, 1872, and that until then it should be optional to Chapters to work the degree or not as they pleased; but that new Charters granted should not contain any power to work the degree."

M. E. Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, is Grand Z., and R. E. Comp. Lindsay Mackersey, Grand Scribe E., both re-elected.

ALABAMA.

The forty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Montgomery, December 5, 1871. M. E. Comp. Henry C. Armstrong, G. H. P. and R. E. Comp. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters represented, 51 ; Members reported, 1,909 ; Dues received, \$1,435.25.

WORK OF THE YEAR.—Advanced, 107 ; Presided, 104 ; Received and acknowledged, 101 ; Exalted, 108 ; Affiliated, 35 ; Rejected, 8 ; Dimitted, 74 ; Died, 33 ; Suspended for unmasonic conduct, 1 ; Expelled, 1 ; Suspended for non-payment of dues, 73 ; Reinstated, 33.

STATE OF THE CHAPTERS.—Chapters square upon the books, 51 ; Chapters delinquent, 11 ; Chapters, U. D., 4 ; Charters forfeited, 33 ; whole number at the end of the year, 99.

From the Address of the G. H. P. we extract as follows :

“ Very precious are the experiences of the past, as its recollections come to us freighted with kind and fraternal greetings, and harmonious endeavors in the prosecution of the one purpose of our assembling—the good of our order. Remotely separated as are our dwelling places ; diverse and distinct as are our ordinary pursuits, and the hopes and aims and aspirations of our lives, there is a *unity* that belongs to us as Masons. The golden chain, whose links are “ Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth,” extends from heart to heart ; and we thus receive and transmit continually the current of genuine charity and sympathy.

Throughout our whole country, society presents distractions to the most encouraging view ; and complaints of wide-spread demoralization, born of the doubts and temptations, the trials and difficulties of the times through which we are passing, meet us on every hand ; but there is not, I trust, nor will there be, cause to believe that our bond of union is relaxed, or that we have suffered our hitherto high standard of moral purity and excellence to be lowered. * * *

My intercourse with Companions has impressed me that Royal Arch Masonry, in this jurisdiction, is in a healthy condition. It may be that subordinate Chapters have not greatly increased their numbers during the

past Masonic year; I incline to the belief they have not. But I do not regard that fact as indicating a tendency to weakness, having no reason to believe indifference and lethargy the cause.

It is a truth, as important as it is trite, and one which can not be too frequently impressed, that our strength is not in numbers alone. The pure in heart and life should alone be permitted to pass our veils; and not least of the trusts committed to us, is so to guard the several stations that none other than the truly worthy shall gain admittance into our sanctuary. Let fidelity at this point characterize our Companions and our continued prosperity is assured."

The Work in the Mark and R. A. Degrees was reported on and concurred in.

The sum of \$100 was voted to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for his services and expenses.

It was resolved that the incumbent G. H. P. should be the "Custodian of the work."

The subject of the dissemination of the work having been referred to the Committee on work they reported three resolutions which were adopted as follows:—

"1. That the Grand High Priest, during the term of his office, and his successors in like manner, shall be expected to visit as many subordinate Chapters as he may be able to do, not exceeding one-fourth of the Chapters, and instruct them in the work and lectures, and in any other respect that the circumstances of the case may require.

2. That the Grand High Priest shall also be, and he is hereby empowered to authorize any member of the Committee on Work to perform a like service in any special case or cases, when the necessities of a Chapter or Chapters may require it.

3. That in the performance of the service herein above specified, the Grand High Priest or member of the Committee on Work so performing it shall be authorized to draw on the funds of the Grand Chapter for a sufficient amount to defray his actual expenses while so engaged."

A mourning page is inscribed to the memory of Comp. William P. Chilton, P. G. H. P.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. P. J. Pillans, on twenty-seven Grand Chapters, and is, of course, an excellent synopsis. He has the following kindly words for us:

"The proceedings from this jurisdiction are always of interest to us, for in them we find the grand body displaying an extraordinary solicitude for the welfare of the subordinates, and providing unlimited supervision over them, thus keeping alive a spirit of fraternity and harmony, as well as stimulating the zeal of each Chapter and its members. The Districts provided are numerous, and the number of Chapters in each so few, that each may readily be visited by the Grand Superintendent once or oftener in each year. We are not surprised, then, to find that harmony prevails, and that the M. Ex. Z. has but few demands made upon him for advice and instruction."

All the Grand Officers were again re-elected.

ARKANSAS.

The twenty-second Annual Convocation was held at Little Rock, November 2, 1871. M. E. Comp. E. H. English, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. L. E. Barber, Grand Secretary :

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 61 ; Number that made returns, 38 ; Exaltations, 168 ; Admitted, 46 ; Dimitted, 58 ; Deaths within the year, 23 ; Suspended for non-payment of dues, 41 ; Suspended for unmasonic conduct, 2 ; Expelled, 1 ; Whole number of affiliated R. A. Masons reported, 1,561.

M. E. Comp. English enjoys a well-earned Masonic reputation, and he is widely known and esteemed as one of the leaders of the Craft. At the Triennial Convocation at Baltimore he was elected Deputy-General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, and therefore retired from the Presidency of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas. His address is very interesting. We quote as follows from it :

"On my recent trip I passed through a number of States, and among them my native Alabama (God bless her noble sons and beautiful daughters), and after making such observations upon their condition and prospects as the opportunities of a traveller afforded, I returned home content to spend the remainder of my days in Arkansas, where I have lived for more than a quarter of a century. Like her Southern sisters she has been impoverished, but her fields are not so much worn and exhausted by long monotonous culture, and her wild lands are more abundant and inviting. While some of her neighboring sisters appear to be wasted and decayed, she is like a young maiden in the forest, her brow wreathed with the blooms of her own sunny climate, and her cheeks glowing with the vigorous pulsations of youth and hope. That an abundance of emigrants

will, in process of time, fall in love with her, and come to dwell along the fertile shores of her beautiful rivers, and reclaim from the wilderness state her productive uplands, there can be no doubt.

Newspapers and anecdote tellers abroad locate in Arkansas many ludicrous and ugly stories that should, in truth, be credited to other and more reputable localities, so that she is made a kind of scape goat for the sins of other people.

We have about half a million of people, of all sorts and colors, and they will compare favorably, in all respects, with the same number of population taken promiscuously from any of the large cities and thronged Districts of the older States.

I have met with more genuine hospitality in the rough cabins of the hunters of Arkansas than in places of boasted refinement; and a man's purse and his person are safer anywhere in Arkansas than in the streets and alleys of the great cities. We have, in fact, more virtue, and less vice and crime.

It is true, we have not many permanent monuments of an advanced civilization. We have not had time or means to build them. The pyramids were not built in a day, nor by a people of but fifty years growth. Nor were the monuments of Greece, Rome, Modern Europe or New England. Down to the period of the late civil war, our people were battling with the hardships and trials incident to the settlement of a new country. What they were doing during the war the world knows; and what has been done with them since the war the world knows; and what has been done with them since the war this is not the proper place for me to say.

We can point the world however, to one monument, which though incomplete, every Mason, as well as all lovers of learning may well be proud of; and that is our Masonic College.

Like the State it is in its infancy, but it is growing in reputation and usefulness.

We must continue to foster and build it up, and in coming years its capstone will be laid and all the people will clap their hands and cry, Grace! grace unto it!

In this great work, the M. W. Grand Lodge is the Master-builder, but let us continue to carry up our corner."

Five Chapters U. D. received Charters.

The surplus funds were, as usual, donated to St. John's College, and a Committee of nine were appointed to inquire into its expenses and administration.

A Committee was also appointed to prepare a digest of the regulations and proceedings of the Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. E. Comp. G. A. Donnelly was elected G. H. P. and the Grand Secretary was re-elected.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

At the semi-annual Convocation on May 9, 1871, Comp. J. Edwin Mason reported that his compilation of the writings of the late B. B. French was completed and ready for publication, and the Grand Chapter resolved to publish the same and to collect subscription when the work was issued.

A resolution was adopted prohibiting the Chapters from publishing in the newspapers the work to be done at any meeting, and subjecting any Companion causing such publication to Masonic discipline.

The Annual Convocation was held at Washington, November 14, 1871, M. E. Comp. J. Lockie, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. E. B. MacGrotty as Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 7; Exalted, 150; Affiliated, 12; Reinstated, 14; Withdrawn, 25; Died, 8; Dropped, 71; Numbers, 910; Dues, \$819.00.

The G. H. P. reported uninterrupted harmony and prosperity throughout the jurisdiction.

The Grand Chapter of West Virginia was recognized.

“The M. E. G. H. Priest appointed Comp. Henry Robertson as Representative of this G. R. A. Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Canada.”

Comp. J. Edwin Mason submitted a very interesting and able report on correspondence, giving a large amount of information on Masonic matters in Europe as well as America. We regret very much to learn that it is his last. Canada for 1871 is fraternally noticed. We refer Comp. Mason to our

present proceedings as to the fate of Comp. Ramsay's motion, which was quietly shelved.

We copy the following, as it may be interesting to some of our Companions:

"We have had the pleasure of receiving a visit the past year from R.: E.: Comp. Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the Dominion of Canada. We regret that his brief visit to Washington gave us no opportunity to show him the work exemplified in our Chapters, of which we feel proud, or to give him such impressions of Masonry in the national capital as our hearts desired.

We requested, on his return to Canada, answers to the following questions about Capitular Masonry in Her Majesty's Provinces, in order to give the Craft here a more comprehensive idea of it; and we take pleasure in publishing his reply, which contains much interesting and valuable information, for which he will please accept our thanks:

"COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE,

"GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA,

"COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO, NOV. 4, 1871.

"MY DEAR SIR AND R.: E.: COMPANION: Your esteemed favor of the 21st ult., containing certain queries, has been duly received. I regret that the limited time allowed for reply is insufficient to enable me to procure for you as full information on the subjects as I could wish. I am confident that the investigation into the early history of Capitular Masonry in Canada would prove highly interesting, and well repay the time expended in such research, and in the course of another year, if thought desirable, I might be able to furnish you with proper dates and more extensive information on the points you suggest. At present I fear that my replies will be considered somewhat meagre in affording any light on the questions submitted.

1st. It is not very clear when Mark Lodges were first introduced into Canada. At this time, I am only informed of one, which was located at Quebec, and derived its authority from Ireland.

2d. It is equally difficult to determine the introduction of Royal Arch Masonry into Canada, from the fact that the degree was originally conferred by virtue of a Blue Lodge warrant; but the records of St. John's Lodge, Kingston, exhibit the fact that a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was formed in that place as early as the year 1797, the Companions assuming to themselves the inherent right to hold a Chapter and confer the degree. In addition to this a Chapter was held at an early date in Niagara, and I am credibly informed of a certificate being in existence,

belonging to a Companion here, which is dated 1796, and was issued by a Chapter meeting in the city of Quebec, so that there is no doubt that the R. A. Degree was regularly worked in Canada prior to those dates. I may also state that it appears that the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Degrees were not given here before 1801, as they were not considered essential or as necessary to the attainment of the Royal Arch. They were worked from 1801 till 1818, and thereafter discontinued.

3d. At the formation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in 1857, the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees were united in Chapters as in the United States.

4th. In common with other Grand Chapters, the Grand Chapter of Canada assumed the inherent right to confer the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Degrees, and no necessity existed for any derivation of authority for so doing.

5th. There are no Mark Lodges now existing in the Dominion of Canada that I am aware of.

6th. The Degrees of Select, Royal and Super-Excellent Masters are conferred in Canada. They were at first given under the authority of a Grand Council in the Province of New Brunswick, and now under the recently established Grand Council for Ontario. This latter was formed at Toronto in August last.

7th. The original Chapters uniting in the formation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, or subsequently affiliating with it, were eleven in number. Of these six were English, four Irish and one Scotch.

I may also inform you that at the organization of the Grand Chapter of Canada, the constitution of the Grand Chapter of England was adopted, *mutatis mutandis*, as its constitution, with the following reservations:

That the principal officers should be annually elective.

That in order to assimilate with the usages of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States, the three Degrees not recognized by the Grand Chapter of England—the Mark, Past and Most Excellent—should be taken as a requisite to *membership* in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, but that R. A. Masons who received their degrees in any regularly warranted Chapter in any other jurisdiction should be admitted as visitors to any Canadian Chapter, when working in the R. A. degree, or in any degree which such visitors should have regularly taken.

I shall be pleased to hear from you again, and to give you any further

assistance in my power, and hope that these scraps of information may be of use to you in your researches.

Believe me to remain, dear Sir and R. E. Companion,

Yours fraternally,

HENRY ROBERTSON,

CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE, CANADA.

J. EDWIN MASON, Esq.,

Grand Chapter of District of Columbia, Washington.

He styles our Chairman "one of the most learned Companions of the present age." Thanks!

From his valedictory we take the following :

Under the directions of our Grand Chapter we are now preparing and compiling the Masonic and poetical works of our late beloved Grand High Priest, B. B. French.

We hope to make this one of the most valuable contributions to Masonic literature ever published.

We are also compiling the entire works of our early instructor and mentor in Freemasonry, Jeremy L. Cross.

Beside these works the promise of stated contributions to several Masonic periodicals will consume all the time we can snatch from other literary labor to devote to Freemasonry.

And now to our Companions of the quill abroad, we bid an affectionate farewell—perhaps forever. We have rowed our boat down the river of life in your company, and you have seen the dip of our oar and felt the strength of our muscle. Over dangerous rapids and laughing cataracts we have pulled along together. The merry song has been mixed with the stentorian cry of the oarsman. If you separate the song from the muscular stroke, you destroy half of the beauty and joy our journey together has afforded.

M. E. Comp. J. Daniels was elected G. H. P. and R. E. Comp. C. W. Hancock, Grand Secretary,

ILLINOIS.

The twenty-second Annual Convocation was held at Chicago, October, 6th, 1871. M. E. Comp. Augustus A. Murray, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. James H. Miles, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chartered Chapters, 145 ; Members, 1870, 8,395 ; Exalted, 833 ; Admitted, 90 ; Restored, 17 ; Total, 9,335. Less number—Died, 86 ; Dimitted, 262 ; Expelled, 13 ; Suspended, 134 ; Total, 495 Members, 1871, 8,840. Chapters U. D., 6 ; Members, 160. Total members, 1871, 9,000. Increase, 605.

The G. H. P. presented a full report of his actions during the past year. He issued five dispensations for new Chapters, six for holding elections and installations at other than the prescribed times, one to spread the ballot a second time on a petition which had been rejected, and four to confer the degrees in less time than would otherwise be allowed. He believes there is an absolute necessity for a Grand Inspector to visit every Chapter, examine the work and records, and if found wrong to correct them—that his travelling expenses should be paid by each Chapter visited, and the rest of his expenses by the Grand Chapter. He condemns the use of substitutes as in direct violation of the ritual, notwithstanding that the General Grand Chapter have made them permissible, and his views on this subject were endorsed by the Grand Chapter.

It was resolved that a fee of five dollars be charged for each dispensation to confer the degrees out of time, and two dollars for all other special dispensations.

The receipts during the year were \$6671.84, and the balance on hand \$2023.75.

One Chapter was ordered to pay to another sixty dollars for invading its jurisdiction and conferring the degrees on nine candidates and was admonished to adhere strictly hereafter to its geographical jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary is the author of the report on correspondence which is written in an energetic manner and full of choice extracts. Canada for 1870 receives a good notice and extracts are given from our report.

M. E. Comp. James A. Hawley was elected G. H. P. and R. E. Comp. James H. Miles, re-elected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The twenty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Logansport, October 18, 1871. M. E. Comp. Rees J. Chestnutwood G. H. P. and R. E. Comp. John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 80 ; U. D., 5 ; Exalted, 425 ; Reinstated, 9 ; Affiliated, 41 ; Died 47 ; Dimitted, 126 ; Suspended, 48 ; Expelled, 5 ; Members, 3,757 ; Increase, 209. Receipts, \$5,882.61 ; Balance in Treasury, \$3,508.36.

The G. H. P. reports the year as having been one of unusual harmony and prosperity—that no discordant sounds have been heard, and that his decisions on constitutional questions have been few in number. Three new Chapters were organized, and his address closes with a word of caution :

“ Companions, we are living in a time when it may be well to sound a note of alarm. The calm which we are now experiencing may be but the precursor to the storm, for it is a well known fact that there are at present in our land, men, occupying positions of social and moral importance, who are trying to sap the foundations of our great moral edifice. From this, I apprehend, we have but little to fear. Our only cause for alarm is within ourselves. A growing desire is manifest in our Chapters to increase their number, without (I fear, in some instances) a proper regard to the quality of the material used. Permit me, then, to urge upon all subordinates the importance of guarding well the portals of the sanctuary, and suffer none to enter but the worthy. Our strength does not consist in the quantity but the quality of the material.”

Our Indiana Companions are strong on the temperance question, the following report being adopted by the Grand Chapter :

“ The Committee on Grievances report that the only case which has been submitted for consideration is a certified copy of the proceedings of Milan Chapter, No. 32, on the 14th of July, 1871, in the case of complaint against Comp. L. F. Tanner, for selling intoxicating liquors, in which action of the Chapter the said Tanner was expelled from all the privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

This action of the Chapter the Committee recommend this Grand Chapter to approve.”

A Chapter having become involved on account of their

having erected a Masonic Temple, asked that their dues should be refunded, but it was decided that it was inexpedient to establish the precedent of making donations towards building Masonic Halls. This decision is based upon sound principles.

The sum of \$600 was appropriated for the relief of distressed brethren in Chicago, Wisconsin and Michigan.

There is no proper report on correspondence. The G. H. P. mentions the proceedings received (among which we find Canada for 1870) and the Committee simply recommend the proper distribution of their proceedings and the preservation of those received.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

IOWA.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a handsomely bound copy of the Constitution, &c., of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. It is neatly got up and well printed.

The proceedings of 1871 are embellished with a fine steel engraving, being the portrait of M. E. Comp. Z. C. Luse, P. G. H. P.

The seventeenth Annual Convocation was held at Council Bluffs, October 18th, 1871, R. E. Comp. D. Baugh, Deputy G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Exalted, 383; Admitted, 44; Reinstated, 1; Being an increase of 407. Dimitted, 108; Died, 18; Dropped, 25; Suspended, 31; Expelled, 3; Being a decrease of 186; leaving a net increase of 221, and a total membership of 2,772. Chapters increasing, 45; Chapters decreasing, 14; Chapters standing still, 6; Highest number exalted by one Chapter during the year, 15; Average number exalted during year by all the Chapters reporting during the year, 6. Largest membership in one Chapter, 100; Smallest membership in one Chapter, 14; Average membership in all the Chapters reporting, 42; Average increase of all Chapters reporting, 5.

The G. H. P., M. E. Comp. Z. C. Luse, was prevented from

attending the Grand Chapter by a severe accident recently sustained, and which nearly cost him his life. His address was read by the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Mark Lodge of England was recognized by the adoption of the following report. Why the English Mark Masters should have been required to be "healed" we cannot imagine.

"WHEREAS, It is of importance to Royal Arch Masonry that its rites and ceremonies should be uniform the world over, and that Royal Arch Masons should be in accord wherever dispersed; and, whereas, the dissemination of the degrees of our system is greatly to be desired, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we recognize the establishment of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, of which that distinguished Masonic scholar, Comp. Wm. James Hughan, of Truro, England, is Provincial Grand Secretary, and extend to it our cordial recognition, praying for its great success until such time as the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England shall recognize and disseminate the degrees in practice among us.

RESOLVED, That the action had at the Grand Annual Convocation of 1868, requiring English Mark Master Masons to be "healed" be rescinded, they being hereby declared to be recognized as regular Mark Master Masons, and receivable into Chapters in this jurisdiction, when open in the degree of Mark Master, on the same footing as those of our own obedience.

RESOLVED, That the interchange of representatives with the Grand Mark Lodge of England is hereby authorized and invited."

The Grand Chapter adopted the "one-term principle" it having been

RESOLVED, as a general regulation, That no Companion shall be elected to the office of Grand High Priest or Grand Treasurer for more than one successive term."

A proposition to rescind a former resolution prohibiting the use of "substitutes" was *lost* on a vote of 58 to 97. We give the majority and minority reports of the Committee, as containing the arguments on both sides of the question.

The majority ' recommend the repeal of the former resolution forbidding the use of substitutes for the reasons;

1. That substitutes have been used since the introduction of Royal Arch Masonry into the United States;

2. That they are still used in most or all of the old Grand Chapters ;
3. That their use is both recognized and justified by the General Grand Chapter ;
4. That all the better informed Masons throughout the land approve of it ;
5. The resolution passed by this body seven years ago was the result of hasty and inconsistent action, in which we followed the later lights rather than the earlier ;
6. That this "new departure" in Masonry is only a feeble attempt to prove ourselves wiser than our fathers, and because we do not approve of Young America's innovation in the body of Masonry, as it was constituted in the long ago ;
7. Because it in most cases works a great inconvenience, clogging the wheels of the royal car, and is productive of no good ;
8. The ceremonies of installation are the work of the authors of the books in which they appear, and if they have any forbidding clause, it is not obligatory upon this Grand Chapter, nor any of its subordinates ;
9. That the evils of too much legislation should be checked and averted at the earliest possible moment."

The minority "recommend that the resolution first referred to do not pass, for reasons:

1. Without discussing the origin of the law, or whether it is in general use or not in other jurisdictions, it has become thoroughly engrafted in our work, and it is in entire harmony with the ritual as adopted by this Grand body ;
2. The practice of constantly altering or changing general rules and regulations cannot be too emphatically discouraged ; it can but lead to uncertainties and irregularities in subordinate Chapters under supposed emergencies ; trusting that this body will, under the pressure of the circumstances, repeal the law thus violated ;
3. While this departure may be permitted and even justified by the Most Excellent General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, yet such recognition of the practice is not in the nature of a law or edict of that Grand Body, and should have no controlling influence over the legislation of this body.
4. The proposed repeal of this resolution, and the adoption of the practice of the use of substitutes, introduces a senseless and useless rule, requiring the use of three persons at every exaltation, but only one of which need be a candidate for the Royal Arch degree."

Our own opinion is in favor of their use and such is the practice in this jurisdiction. We think the reasons given in the majority report are not to be gainsayed. Their prohibition must certainly be productive of great inconvenience, and would almost be a death-blow to many good Chapters working in thinly settled parts of the country. The only objection worthy of notice is in clause four of the minority report, and this may be well met by the reply that all our ceremonies are *symbolical*, and the reasons why these are required are sufficiently apparent to every intelligent R. A. Mason who has carefully studied that degree. The three represent the "three faithful sojourners by whom the secrets of the R. A. were discovered," and for which they were honored with seats in the august Sanhedrim. The symbolism is faithfully carried out, whether the three be actual candidates or not, and that is all that is necessary. We hope to see Iowa reverse her action in this matter next meeting.

The sum of \$125.00 was appropriated to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and \$200.00 to the Chicago brethren.

The G. H. P. decided that a Companion's position in the Chapter was not affected by affiliation or non-affiliation in a blue lodge.

DEATH.—Comp. C. S. Rollin, P. Deputy G. H. P.

The report on correspondence is again by Comp. U. D. Taylor, and is decidedly one of the best. We are sure that all our Companions would be delighted to read the whole of it had they the opportunity. His motto is very appropriate:

" Sayings fetched from sages old,
Laws which Holy Writ unfold,
Worthy to be graved in gold ;
Lighter fancies not excluding,
Blameless wit with nothing rude in,
Sometimes mildly interluding."

In his notice of our proceedings for 1870, Comp. Taylor is in error in supposing that the representatives of one Chapter U. D. were excluded, while those of other Chapters

U. D. were admitted. The point decided was simply that a Chapter U. D., being merely the creature of the Grand Z., has no power while U. D. to give a proxy. It has no powers except those given by the dispensation. With us these dispensations are never granted by the Grand Chapter but always by the Grand Z. alone. The Grand Chapter grants a charter and this is sometimes done without a dispensation having been previously issued. In the case in question, had the proper officers of the Chapter U. D. (the three highest officers), or any of them, been present at the Grand Chapter, they, or he, would have been admitted, and after the Charter was granted they would have had an unquestioned right to vote and take part in all the proceedings. The other Chapters U. D. were just in the same position and had no part in the transactions until their charters were granted. We observe that the same rule is in force in Iowa, as a resolution was adopted—

“That the representatives of those Chapters under dispensation to which charters have been granted be admitted to seats and to vote in the Grand Chapter.”

Under the head of Pennsylvania, Comp. Taylor has the following, with which we entirely agree:

While we defer much to Comp. Griscom's great talent and long experience as a member of the reportorial corps—he having furnished these reports to his Grand Chapter for the last twenty years or thereabouts—we must beg leave to differ most completely and entirely from his estimate of the duties of Correspondence Committees. We regard them as appointed to present and discuss everything, whether law, decisions or resolutions reported in the proceedings laid before them. They are the Areopagus so to speak, of the order, and are, we think, selected to challenge every new comer into the realm of Masonic thought or action, and to require of him that he give a good account of himself before he is allowed to enter the lines, and be recognized as properly there. No writer of these reports can do his duty and shirk the free, fearless and well-considered expression of his views, backed with such arguments as he may be able to adduce in their support. By this collision of minds, presenting the carefully digested result of study and care, the Masonic society is rendered wiser, and the standard of its literary character is raised to respectability. These reports, while discussing the very subjects objected to by Comp. Griscom, have done more to elevate Freemasonry into

respectability, and to give it self-respect, than all other appliances put together; and to do them away or to cripple their efficiency, is to remand the society to its old position—the one it holds now in countries where such reports are not known—that of a mere dining club, where feeding is the great business, and the remainder is shoved out of sight or slurred over as of the least importance. Comp. Griscom's own reports are proof of the error of his views, as he is unable to content himself with merely giving the bald statistics of Royal Arch Masonry, but in spite or himself brings in discussions of law and points decided. His abilities and experience would be of great advantage if he could see it to be his duty to go yet further and in his courteous manner and with his logical mind, discuss the questions constantly lying in his path."

M. E. Comp. E. A. Guilbert was elected G. H. P. and R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge was re-elected Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

The seventh Annual Convocation was held at Topeka, October 17, 1871. R. E. Comp. E. D. Hillyer, Deputy G.H.P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 19; Exalted, 66; Admitted, 34; Dimitted, 21; Died, 9; Reinstated, 3; Members, 650; Dues, \$446.50.

The G. H. P. being unable to be present, his address was read by the Deputy. It is an able document, and shows that the office in his hands has been no sinecure. Three new Chapters were organized, and the G. H. P. visited all the Chapters in the State except two. He also appointed a number of Grand Representatives. He was asked:

"To what extent can a man go in infidelity and still be a good Royal Arch Mason—that is, to what extent may he disbelieve the Bible?"

His answer was:

"The Bible is the Great Light in Masonry. Every man is responsible to a greater or less extent, according as his means of knowledge have been greater or less. No one who has had the Bible placed in his hands, and been taught to read it, can be a good man and disbelieve its teachings. And no one can be a good Royal Arch Mason who is not a good man. Therefore, I answer, that no one who does not believe in the writings of Moses and the Prophets, as contained in the Old Testament, if he has been educated in a civilized or enlightened country, can be a good Royal Arch Mason, for Royal Arch Masonry is founded thereon."

From his introductory remarks we extract the following :

"The Scriptures inform us that twenty-four centuries ago God's chosen people, who had been held in captivity many long years, were released from their bondage to the Persian King, and permitted to return to their native country, where, among the vine-clad hills of Judea, under the leadership of Zerubbabel, they engaged in the great and important work of rebuilding the city and House of the Lord, which had been destroyed by the Caldean King. They were encouraged in their arduous labors by the promises of God that Zerubbabel, by whose hands the foundations of the Second Temple had been laid, should finish it, and, that when completed, the glory of the latter house should be greater than the former ; greater than that one which had been erected at such vast expenditure of treasure by the wise king of Israel.

From the same sacred source we also learn "that when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the Temple unto the Lord God of Israel," and were refused permission to engage with them in that great work, they "hired counsellors against them to frustrate their purpose," and "weakened the hands of the people of Judea, and troubled them in building," and wrote an accusation against them and sent it to Artaxerxes, the King of Persia, by reason of which the King gave their enemies authority and commanded them "to cause to cease the work of the house of the Lord at Jerusalem;" but the Great Law-giver put it into the heart of Darius, King of Persia, and successor of Artaxerxes, to protect the children of Israel in their labors, and caused him to make a decree prohibiting their enemies from doing aught to hinder and impede them in their great and glorious work.

Two thousand four hundred years have passed away since the occasion of those events, yet the same spirit of intolerance that existed in the time of Ahasuerus and Artaxerxes, among those "nations which the great and good Asnapper brought over and set in the cities of Samaria," still exists and actuates the few bigots who have with so much persistency inaugurated a crusade against Masonry in the United States. Rehum, the Chancellor, and Shimshai, the Scribe, made false representations to the King, and appealed to his prejudices, and he, not possessing the intelligence of his predecessor, King Cyrus, or the justness of his successor, King Darius, yielded to the importunate demand of those designing persons. Their imitators of to-day, with no less evil intent, appeal to the prejudices and superstitions of the ignorant, and seek aid from our law-makers to accomplish the object in view.

We live in a progressive age. The general system of education established in all enlightened countries has done much to dispel the dark clouds of superstition which have always hung over us and prevented the bright rays of intelligence from penetrating every human mind. Some o

the clouds are still visible. We obtain an occasional view of them near the horizon, but they will, we hope, soon pass away forever. Time has wrought important changes in the opinions and feelings of men, and there is hardly a possibility of an immediate relapse into barbarism. To those, therefore, who have engaged in the insane attempt to remove what to them, by reason of their distorted vision, seems to be a mountain, we recommend the lesson taught by Mahomet, who, when he had assembled a vast concourse of people on the plains to witness his great power, and commanded the mountain to come to him, and the mountain failed to come, said: "Then Mahomet will go to the mountain."

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. He says of our report of 1870:

"The Report is a sound and practical paper, and seeks to give information rather than notoriety to its author."

M. E. Comp. E. D. Hillyer was elected G. H. P. and R. E. Comp. E. T. Carr was re-elected Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The fifty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Louisville, October 16th, 1871. M. E. Comp. Henry Bostwick, G. H. P. and Comp. James W. Staton acting as Grand Secretary for R. E. Comp. P. Swigert, who was prevented by illness from attending.

STATISTICS.—Members, 3,469; Exalted, 357; Admitted, 31; Dimitted, 152; Suspended, N. P. D., 51; Suspended, U. M. C, 2; Expelled, 5; Rejected, 27; Reinstated, 16; Ministers, 234; Died, 51; Dues, \$2,968.00.

The G. H. P. reports having granted six dispensations for new Chapters and a number of official visitations.

The Grand Chapter voted \$75.00 to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

A Committee of three was appointed to report the best mode of having uniformity of work, and to report a system of work.

Comp. H. A. M. Henderson presented the report on Correspondence, which is a great improvement on the last on noticed by us. He reviews thirty-one Grand Chapters,

including Canada for 1870. We are glad to copy the following from his notice of Missouri as worthy of careful attention :

"As every Masonic idea has its own proper sign that expresses it better than any other can, we should seek to preserve uniformity of language as well as spirit. We are to teach Masonry as we received it, and not as we have forgotten and substituted some words of our own. An interpolated word here and there, by one and another lecturer, would, in the course of time, entirely destroy the original test of Masonic instruction.

In the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church we once heard Dr. Breckenridge oppose a revised edition of the Scriptures, issued by the American Bible Society, in which had been eliminated some obsolete words, on the ground that the Bible is the anchorage ground of the English language, which ought to be preserved, as far as possible, from eclecticism, in its native Anglo Saxon simplicity.

This view, with others, prevailed, and the Bible Society had to abandon its action and cease publishing this edition, or lose the patronage of the Presbyterian Church.

Masonry is one of the agencies to preserve the purity of the English tongue, and the moment we begin to admit words of modern coinage, or of philological construction from foreign tongues, that moment we weigh anchor and set sail on uncertain seas, where a maelstrom may wait to engulf us.

The normal language of Masonry is simple, and pure men of correct tastes will admire the sublime simplicity of our ritual much more than when clothed in the meretricious rhetoric of every lecturer who thinks he can beautify it by his own expurgations and substitutions. No license to change should be allowed any one, or we will be at last confounded in a Babel of tongues. We heard of an artist who once took a pure white lily and sought to improve it by penciling on its petals the parti-colored fancies he had mixed on his pallet. He committed floral sacrilege, and violated the first principles of art; which is strict conformity to nature. Paint is good in its place, but not to *improve* flowers. 'Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these.' Moral truths are grandest when clothed in severe attire. The adornments of art cannot add to the charms of truth. Let us continue Masonry in that uncorrupted form in which our fathers taught it—free from the garnish decorations of the modern drama, and the high-sounding periods of bombastic oratory and poetry. We want no Johnsonianism in Masonry, and naught of the spectacular style."

M. E. Comp. J. P. Rascoe was elected G. H. P. and R. E. Comp. P. Swigert re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The twenty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at New Orleans, February 13th, 1872. M. E. Comp. M. E. Girard, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Members, 1,576; Exalted, 118; Affiliated, 17; Dimitted, 60; Died, 35; Stricken from roll, 48; Suspended, 15; Expelled, 4; Re-instated, 9; Rejected, 5; Receipts, \$1,808.12; Balance on hand, \$1,797.92.

The G. H. P. decided that the recommendation required to authorize the invitation by one Chapter of a candidate who had been rejected by another should issue only upon a unanimous vote, and as a kindred subject to this was discussed at our Grand Lodge in 1871 we need make no apology for inserting the reasons given for such decision which appears to us to be good :

“In some jurisdictions, unanimity is required, and in others a majority is declared sufficient. As a general rule, it may be said that when a unanimity is not expressly required, it is understood that the majority should rule. But I conceived that on this particular subject, such a construction might lead to evil consequences. Bearing in mind the stringency of the landmark requiring unanimity to gain admission into a Chapter, and, as a consequence, into the Order, and impressed with the importance of maintaining that law in all its force and effect, I was induced to hold that the recommendation should be granted only upon the same vote that is required in cases of application for degrees or affiliation. Were it otherwise, the law of one negative ballot might be avoided and a bare majority substituted in its place by the rejected candidate applying to another Chapter, where he would not be so well known, perhaps, and not likely to meet with any opposition, and upon a recommendation issued from the rejecting Chapter, notwithstanding the opposition of a number of the members thereof, he would be accepted in that other Chapter, where he would receive the Degrees and become a member of the Order. The law of the ballot might thus be virtually, and, perhaps, purposely set aside, and material declared unworthy by one Chapter be accepted and worked up by another, through, perhaps, a reprehensible evasion of a salutary law.

Besides, what is the import of a recommendation? Doubtless, that the applicant is worthy, and, as such, entitled to favorable consideration. If it be so, how could a Chapter issue such recommendation when the applicant stands upon their record, legally declared unworthy, and whilst some of the members consider him as such.”

A large amount of local business was transacted.

The Grand Chapter assisted in the ceremony of laying the corner stone by the Grand Lodge of a New Masonic temple.

The Report on Correspondence is again from the pen of our esteemed Comp. J. P. Horner. He reviews in first-class style the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1871. He pays ourselves a high compliment and quotes with marked approval our last year's remarks on the subject of dues. He has the following on Comp. Ramsay's notice of motion as to reorganizing the A. and A. Rite, Royal Order of Scotland, &c.

"This contemplates that the Grand Chapter of Canada shall go into the appropriation business by the wholesale, and quite eclipses the small retail transactions of the Grand Chapter of New York; we trust our Companions will have a good time, and will refuse to "communicate" their "supper degrees."

At this present Convocation this motion was referred to the Executive Committee, and was by them laid over for future consideration. We believe that it will be considered so long that it will not make its appearance again in the present generation.

We are glad to learn that Comp. Horner will not desert the "corps" just yet. We hope to read many more of his excellent and judicious reports.

All the Grand Officers were re-elected.

MAINE.

The Annual Convocation was held at Portland, May 2d, 1871. M. E. Comp. Stephen J. Young, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 35; Exalted, 381; Rejected, 30; Dimitted, 46; Died, 23; Suspended, 8; Members, 3,069; Dues, \$1,059.00.

In the address of the G. H. P. we find that harmony and prosperity attend all the Chapters. He made the following decision :

" A Companion requests a dimit from a Chapter. He has paid his dues, but refuses to pay a certain sum voluntarily subscribed by him for the benefit of the Chapter, and is accused of dishonesty in various business transactions. Is he entitled to a dimit ?

Ans. He is entitled to a dimit, unless charges are filed against him, and the alleged offences are proved, after due trial."

The Charity Fund amounts to \$3,554.51; income of above fund for charitable uses, \$333.05.

Notice of motion was given to abandon the practice of paying mileage, as otherwise the dues would have to be increased or the yearly contributions to the Charity Fund discontinued.

Although our readers must be getting pretty well tried of hearing about "substitutes" yet we cannot refrain from giving the result of the investigations embodied in the following able report of a special committee on that subject. These views prevailed at the General Grand Chapter in Baltimore last year and the question may now be considered as finally settled:

" The Special Committee, to which was referred so much of our Grand High Priest's address last year as refers to the use of substitutes, ask leave to report :

They have endeavored to ascertain the early customs of Royal Arch Masons, as having an important bearing upon the question.

Availing themselves of the able address of Comp. William S. Gardner, at the Centennial Anniversary of St. Andrew's Chapter of Boston, in December, 1869, we find,

That the Royal Arch Degree was conferred in that Chapter (then appurtenant to St. Andrew's Lodge) in 1769; that so far as the record discloses, it was not conferred upon three brethren together till 1797; that in February, 1795, the Chapter voted "That in future there shall only *two* be advanced to the Royal Arch Step the same evening."

It is a singular coincidence that the first time three brethren were exalted together was upon the occasion of the visit for the first time of Thomas Smith Webb. The Chapter had been previously using the Irish Ritual. Soon after Comp. Webb and Hammer, from Temple Chapter, Albany, again visited the Chapter and conferred some of the degrees after their manner."

At this time, undoubtedly, Webb (who was made a Mason in 1792) was perfecting his system; for in the autumn of 1797, St. Andrew's Chapter adopted his work, and in conjunction with other Chapters took measures to form a Grand Chapter, which was accomplished in 1798, the date of the origin of the American system of Royal Arch Masonry. Webb had published his Monitor the year before, but no forms for the installation of Chapter officers are given in it, and, therefore, we cannot tell whether the charge to the High Priest and the ritual containing the clause referring to the number of candidates existed before 1798 or not. But the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, framed in January of that year, contains the portion of the charge referred to. It thus appears that the requirement of having three exalted together did not exist in Massachusetts before Webb promulgated his system. We are informed by our Massachusetts Companions that the use of substitutes in that jurisdiction commenced when they adopted Webb's system and has continued ever since.

Turning now to New York, we have to regret that the early history of Temple Chapter, of which Webb was a member, has never been published so far as we can learn. It is the present practice there to use substitutes, and has been so for many years; indeed, the earliest proceedings to which we have had access (1824) indicate that they were then used as a matter of course.

Our Pennsylvania Companions have recently added a most valuable contribution to Masonic history by the publication of their early proceedings. Their Grand Chapter was founded in 1795, under the authority of the Grand Lodge, of which it did not become independent till 1824. Their records before 1812 were lost by fire, but the records of "Royal Arch Lodge, No. 3," are complete from Dec. 3, 1767. The published extracts throw no light upon this subject, but Comp. Charles E. Meyer, the Chairman of the Committee on re-publication, says that the use of substitutes has received the sanction, approval and practice of many years, and sees "no reason why the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania should turn from the old paths trodden by our forefathers" by discarding their use.

The Grand Chapter of Virginia was formed in 1808, deriving its ritual, &c., from the A. and A. Rite. In 1820 it adopted the Webb work and forms of installation, but so far as we have been able to ascertain has always sanctioned the use of substitutes.

The Grand Chapter of Connecticut was formed in 1798 (under the Grand Chapter of the United States) and it allowed the use of substitutes as early as 1827, and has allowed it ever since.

The Grand Chapter of Maryland was formed in 1812, and so far as we can ascertain from the early proceedings, substitutes have been used ever since its organisation.

The Grand Chapter of New Hampshire was formed in 1819, and the first returns published (in 1825) show that substitutes were then used, as they have been ever since.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky was formed in 1817. The use of substitutes was common and unquestioned as early as 1821, and has apparently continued to this time.

The Grand Chapter of Rhode Island was formed in 1798. For twenty years past the use of substitutes has been allowed; how much longer we have not been able to ascertain.

The Grand Chapter of South Carolina was formed in 1812. We have had access to no proceedings of an earlier date than 1856. Since then substitutes have been habitually used.

The Grand Chapter of Ohio was formed in 1816, and the use of substitutes has prevailed in that Jurisdiction from an early date.

The Grand Chapter of Vermont was established in 1804. It now allows the use of substitutes; how long it has done so the published proceedings do not show, but we have been informed that it has done so from the earliest recollection of any Royal Arch Masons now living.

We have thus examined the practice of all the Grand Chapters which have been in existence more than fifty years. Without exception they all allow the use of substitutes, and so far as we have knowledge *have always done so*. If we are in error in respect to any jurisdiction we may expect a correction as soon as our proceedings are published. But while we find the practice so universal, we also find that in many jurisdictions it is deplored and declared to be wrong.

This undoubtedly proceeds from the language of the ritual and the installation charge to a High Priest. They are in direct conflict with the practice; but, the fact is, the practice is older than the ritual, and when the ritual was adopted the old practice was not changed to conform to it.

Apart from the express requirements of the ritual we cannot perceive the slightest objection to the practice. There is no reason for specification of the number in this particular than there is to require the High Priest to pledge himself not to omit any specific part of the ceremonies.

But in our judgment the General Grand Chapter ought to take action in the matter. That body will meet in September next; and your Committee advise no other action at present than to suspend the resolution of 1869 another year, and to take measures to have the subject presented to the General Grand Chapter."

The Grand Chapter resolved "That in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe from any meeting of a Chapter, the next officer in rank

shall preside, unless he request a Past High Priest to officiate for him. Also, "That in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe from any Chapter under this jurisdiction, no degrees shall be conferred unless a Past High Priest is present to preside, and \$25.00 were voted to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence."

The following resolution, which was adopted, settles a difficulty found to exist and which has caused considerable discussion. It settles it, to be sure, but some will think in rather a high-handed manner, and they will ask what right the Grand Chapter has to declare them dimitted when they never asked for a dimit, and to force them against their wishes out of membership in their own mother Chapter simply because their love for R. A. Masonry is so strong that they desire to see it extended and to use their humble endeavors to organize a new Chapter where probably it is really needed :

"RESOLVED, That in all cases where Chapters have been constituted in this jurisdiction, it shall be deemed that all Companions whose names have been inserted in the Charters, were thereby dimitted from their former Chapters at the time when the new Chapter was *constituted*, and from that time cease to be responsible to their former Chapters for annual dues."

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, of whom we must now speak with proper respect as we have to congratulate him on his elevation to the highest office known to American R. A. Masonry—that of General Grand High Priest. Canada for 1870 receives a fraternal notice. Speaking of the Chair Degrees, he says :

"In Canada the Order of High Priesthood is apparently not known ; they have, however, "Chair Degrees," which are conferred upon the First, Second and Third "Principals," by a "Council of Installed Principals," as a part, we believe, of the installation ceremonies. Whether the same degree is conferred on each Principal we have no more knowledge than comes by inference from the use of the plural number "Chair *Degrees*."

We may add that there are three separate Chair Degrees, one for each of the three chief offices in the Chapter : First, Second and Third Principals, or Z., H. and J. On the installation of a Companion to either of these chairs he receives the

degree pertaining to that chair to which he is installed just as the brother who is elected to preside over a Lodge receives the Master's (chair) degree when installed as Worshipful Master. In the latter case this is done by a Board of (not less than three) Installed Masters, in the former by a Council of Installed Principals of the same number. And as a Companion cannot be elected H., or second Principal, without a year's previous service as J., or Third Principal, nor Z., or First Principal, without the same time of service in the chair of H., it follows that a Z. must be possessed of all three chair degrees, an H. of two and J. of but one.

Under the head of Missouri Comp. Drummond has the following :

"But we are surprised to see that he (Comp. Gouley) adopts Comp. Langridge's notions concerning the relations between Grand Chapters and subordinates. If there is one idea in Masonry more fundamental than all others, it is that light and power in Masonry *come from above*. No lodge or Chapter can exist without authority from some higher power. Indeed, many hold that a lodge cannot exist without continual sustaining power from the Grand Lodge, and, therefore, hold that when a lodge passes under the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, it must surrender its old charter to the body which issued it and take another from the new Grand Body. Others hold, and it seems to us the better opinion, that when a lodge is *chartered* it receives life and becomes capable of existing under another governing power without first surrendering its existence. But it *receives from* the Grand Lodge, does not give to the Grand Lodge, in either case. The language of the charter carries out this idea in every particular. The very idea of a lodge pre-supposes the pre-existence of a Grand Lodge. It has been so ever since 1717, when the Grand Lodge system was first adopted. While, in point of *fact*, it is true that there must have been a Mason before there could have been a lodge, and a lodge before there could have been a Grand Lodge in the origin of Masonry, it is equally true, that the *plan of Masonry* contemplates that a Mason can be made only by a lodge, and a lodge by a Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Lodge is the source of all power. The same is true of Chapters in their relation to the Grand Chapter; and was originally of Grand Chapters in their relations to the General Grand Chapter.

The idea of making Masonic government "a blundering imitation of our Federal Government" (as Comp. Little of Virginia well says), is a plant of modern growth, and is not ancient Masonry, and we desire to record our emphatic protest against any such innovation."

We must admire Comp. Drummond's "special pleading." It is as good a specimen of backwood's logic as we ever heard. He says it is a fact that the three steps were originally 1, Mason; 2, Lodge; 3, Grand Lodge, and *because* they were then in that order they are now 1, Grand Lodge; 2, Lodge; 3, Mason. This is an innovation with a vengeance. But we suppose that Comp. Drummond does not consider such a complete reversion of the order of things as an innovation, otherwise he would certainly "record his emphatic protest" against it as "a plant of modern growth" and "not ancient Masonry."

We cannot understand how "the plan of Masonry contemplates that a Lodge can only be made by a Grand Lodge." If Comp. Drummond will insert the word "modern" so that it will read "the plan of *Modern* Masonry" we will agree with him.

He has a long article on the "Order of High Priesthood," evincing considerable research and learning, but this subject will possess but little interest to our Companions here. It corresponds in their system to the Chair Degree of Z., in ours, although as it is conferred on the High Priest (*their* First Principal) of a Chapter its ceremonies more nearly approach our Chair Degree of J., and in some instances the language is identical. We agree with Comp. Drummond that it should be conferred on all installed High Priests without restriction or ballot. The Virginia practice of allowing three Past High Priests to confer it at installation is just our system of a "Council of Installed Principals."

M. E. Comp. Stephen J. Young, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

1872.

The Annual Convocation was held at Portland, May 7, 1872. M. E. Comp. Stephen J. Young, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 35; Exaltations, 278; Non-affiliated,

54; Rejected, 28; Dimitted, 44; Deceased, 36; Members, 3,319; Increase, 250; Dues, \$862.00.

The G. H. P. delivered his annual address, in which he gives the record of his official acts during the year. In it he says :

"I have but one decision, which is new to Masonic law in this jurisdiction, and I herewith submit it for the consideration of the Grand Chapter.

An officer is legally elected and presents himself for installation when a Companion objects to his installation, on account of his bad moral character. Can he be installed ?

Ans. He cannot be installed until the charges are investigated and refuted. The objection of one Companion, if found valid, is sufficient to prevent the installation of any officer of a Chapter."

This decision was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Charity Fund now amounts to \$3,741.84, with \$332.19 as the income from it available for charitable uses.

The constitution was amended by making District Deputy Grand High Priests members of the Grand Chapter and also by abolishing mileage. An amendment to increase the fees for exaltations was laid over.

DEATH.—Comp. Abner B. Thompson, P. G. H. P.

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond reviews the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1871.

M. E. Comp. John W. Ballou was elected G. H. P. and R. E. Comp. Ira Berry was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

The Annual Convocation was held in Baltimore, November 13th, 1871. M. E. Comp. Charles H. Ohr, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. A. Wentz, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 11; Exalted, 188; Affiliated, 7; Re-instated, 1; Withdrawn, 12; Died, 10; Dismissed for N. P. D., 9; Expelled, 2; Members, 1,100; Dues, \$750.00.

The G. H. P. reports peace, harmony and prosperity within their borders.

The subordinate officers of this Grand Chapter were nominated by a committee composed of the senior representatives of each Chapter present, and those nominations were confirmed by the Grand Chapter.

Fifty dollars were appropriated as compensation to the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Comp. Hermon L. Emmons, Junr., who was also elected Grand Scribe (Third Principal). His report is a very good review of the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters. Ours do not appear to have been received.

M. E. Comp. Geo. L. McCahan was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. William A. Wentz, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

The twenty-third Annual Convocation was held at Detroit, January 3, 1872, M. E. Comp. Hugh McCurdy, G. H. P. and R. E. Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Exalted, 648; Admitted, 50; Dimitted, 189; Suspended, 37; Expelled, 15; Died, 59; Members, 5,927; Dues, \$3,868.35.

The G. H. P. delivered a lengthy and very interesting address. His opening contains the following eloquent passage:

“In the olden theocratic governments it was wisely taught that men's necessities required not alone fixed periods for rest, but also fixed times for reflection. Animated, then, by the spirit of love and fraternity, and forsaking for a time the cares of daily avocation and the comforts of home, you come up here in a spirit fragrant with the blossoms of love and the flowers of obedience, to give such direction to united labors as will continue to strengthen the bonds and increase the usefulness of our beloved Order. Not in the spirit of the old Egyptian do you come up to this temple to bow down to the idols of Isis, nor yet like the haughty Roman whose love it was to worship the sceptre of the Cæsars; for you have come imbued with “Faith in God, Hope in Immortality, and Charity to all Mankind”—that you may legislate for our common brotherhood, to the end that additional strength and vitality may be given to an institution which has accomplished for man more true glory than was ever reflected from

Egyptian altar-fires or the halo that sparkled from the jewels of Caesar's crown. Into your hands, Companion legislators, is entrusted the continued welfare of our Order. We have built a gorgeous temple whose foundation, if well guarded, must endure until "the last syllable of recorded time." Upon its golden altars let the ruder and darker shades of humanity be mellowed into light, and around the pillars which sustain the edifice let there be engraved, in letters of living fire—This our mission, and this our work—to refine society and cultivate man's moral power—to strengthen our faith in the great law of compensation, giving divinity to hope and eternity to time."

He granted six dispensations for new Chapters and made a number of official visits. We do not agree with his opinion that the petition of a non-affiliated Mason cannot be received in a Chapter, and that after he receives the Chapter degrees he should continue to be a member of a blue lodge or forfeit his membership in the Chapter. We have not yet seen any good reason why a non-affiliate should not be exalted. It is true that Blue Lodge or Craft Masonry is the foundation of all the higher degrees and that suspension or expulsion from a lodge (except for non-payment of dues) affects a Companion's standing in the Chapter (and so it should), yet if he be worthy of receiving the degrees, and by making him a R. A. Mason, we renew his interest in Masonry and keep him, as far as the Chapter is concerned, at all events, out of the ranks of that army of dreadful sinners, the unaffiliated, we hold that it is a benefit to the craft and not an injury. Again, tastes differ, some prefer the Blue, others incline more to the Arch, others again think that the Templar degrees are most to be cultivated, while some are desperately in love with the A. and A. Rite, Royal Ark Mariner, &c., &c. Why should not each brother be allowed to choose the particular part of the system, or, indeed, the particular system to which his fancies or tastes lead him, and in which he can do most good in furthering the common objects of our fraternity.

There is another branch of this question—the *historical* one—into which we have not now time or space to enter, but we should remember that anciently the Royal Arch was a part of the third degree, and that now the Master Mason, through no fault of his own, is left completely in the dark as to a very

important part of the instruction and knowledge he should be entitled to receive.

A large amount of local business was transacted, and a select committee appointed to confer with a committee from the Grand Lodge on the disposition of the surplus funds by way of endowment of a School or Masonic Asylum. We quote as follows :

" During the nearly a quarter of a century of our existence, there has been no jarring discord to mar the general prosperity, nor has anything been promulgated for the amelioration of the condition of humanity at large or of our beloved order in particular.

And now, when comparative peace reigns in our borders, it would seem that something should be done for the benefit of the widows and orphans of our Companions and brothers, who, having wrought hard in the quarries their allotted time, have, at the summons of the Grand Architect of the Universe, laid by the working tools of the craft and passed the silent river that divides us from the Summer land, and are at rest.

The subject of the disposition of the funds of this Grand Body (in connection with those of the Grand Lodge) has long been a source of deep interest to the Companions and brothers of this whole jurisdiction, and the endowment of a school for the education of the orphans of our beloved Companions and brothers who have passed to the other shore, or an asylum for the widows, left to buffet with poverty and sickness in their declining years, would seem a fit subject for the deliberations of this Grand Body."

The following refers to the great fires :

" Your committee to whom was referred so much of the M. E. G. H. P.'s address as relates to " Aid Received and Distributed," respectfully report that the fearful conflagrations in October last, which visited this and other western States, and devoured millions of dollars' worth of property, and immolated many a fond friend in their remorseless flames, subjecting 150,000 of our citizens to the inclemency of Winter without food or shelter, has awakened in a manner before unknown the sympathies of our Royal Craft, and those of all classes of community in this and in foreign lands. We Companions can never forget those gloomy days we spent in an atmosphere thickened almost to suffocation with the smoke, ashes and cinders of the great city of Chicago ; while from our own forests, cities, villages and hamlets, rolled along, day after day, dense columns of smoke, which night transformed into glaring flames, triumphantly challenging all human control.

Ere the smoke had cleared away, ten thousand hearts beat painfully for the suffering and bereaved. And soon every train was burdened with bread and clothing for the destitute, while the electric wires assured the nation that millions of dollars were on the way to the scenes of devastation and want."

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, and is full and exhaustive as usual. Canada for 1871 receives a fraternal notice.

M. E. Comp. L. H. Randall was elected G. H. P. and R. E. Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

The twenty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Holly Springs on January 18th, 1872. M. E. Comp. Charles T. Bond, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters making returns for 1871, 75; Chapters represented, 59; Total membership in seventy-five Chapters, 2,528; Estimated in Chapters not reporting, 135; Total affiliated Royal Arch Masons, 2,663; Exalted, 186; Affiliated, 65; Reinstated, 75; Dimitted, 96; Died, 50; Suspended for non-payment of dues, 156; Suspended for unmasonic conduct, 3; Expelled for unmasonic conduct, 5.

The finances of this Grand Chapter are in an embarrassed condition and numerous resolutions were proposed to remedy the defect by cutting down mileage and per diem to actual expenses, increasing the fees, &c.

The representative system was adopted.

Comp. Patton was voted \$100 for his report on correspondence, but owing to the state of the finances it was deemed inexpedient to publish it with the proceedings. This must be a disappointment to all who have been in the habit of reading Comp. Patton's excellent reviews.

M. E. Comp. H. C. Robiusion was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The twenty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at St. Louis on October 5th, 1871. M. E. Comp. Joseph M. Fox, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Exalted, 462; Admitted, 76; Dimitted, 112; Died, 27; Suspended, 8; Expelled, 5; Reinstated, 3; Rejected, 44; Total membership, 3,406; Increase since last report, 392.

The address of the G. H. P. recounts his official acts. Dispensations had been issued for three new Chapters.

Comp. Gouley's report on Correspondence is as usual first-class. He reviews thirty-four Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1870. He objects to the use of the term "higher degrees" as follows:

"The portion of the above which we demur to is the use of terms "highest" and "lowest." We hold there is no such thing as the lodge being the "lowest"—it is the first and last of Ancient Craft Masonry—upon it everything stands or falls. It is by the mere sufferance of the Lodge that a member of any of the other degrees may be called a Mason.

When we hear the term "higher" or "lower" degrees, it hurts our feelings; we feel like when seeing a man travel from the home of his mother and meet other ladies, talk about higher and lower mothers—a *man can have but one mother*—he may marry a wife, or several of them, or he may fall in love with many beautiful young ladies, more beautiful to his young eye than his mother—and so a Mason can be but a *Mason*—he may travel further and marry other degrees, whose authors, in admiration for the mother, have called them Masonic, or he may fall in love with other showy degrees, but they are not "higher," and it is improper to call the mother lodge "lower." The phrase "higher degrees" is a misnomer, borrowed from the hybrid degrees of modern French origin, and, like almost everything else French, it is revolutionary of settled principles."

And has the following on uniformity:

"Once let the idea get abroad that all a Mason has to learn and be uniform in are the ties of recognition and Ob., and that the balance can be left to the good judgment of the actors, and we could furnish officers from this State who would in five years confer degrees in a manner that Comp. Horner could not recognize, even under oath. We do not believe in the absolute necessity of uniformity in every word, for that is impossible, but we do believe in having a corps of lecturers who will so teach the work that a Mason may travel anywhere and visit without travelling cards or annual words—he will know he is in a Masonic Lodge before it is half opened."

Mississippi, it seems, allows meetings to be adjourned from day to day. On this Cmop Gouley remarks:

"If a stated meeting may be continued for one day, it may be for six days, six months, or for six years. Once past the *stated* period, and you are at sea without a limit. Years ago it used to be practiced in this State, but only by Chapters whose officers did not know how to open or close them, as *per* instance once recited to us by our predecessor, Comp. O'Sullivan. He visited a Chapter in Southwest Missouri, to exemplify the work, and when he took his seat he was coolly informed by the High Priest that he need not open the Chapter, as it had not been closed for six months. His excuse was, that if it was closed he could not open it again. Comp. O'Sullivan asked how he got it open in the first place, and he answered, "I split it open." "Well," says Comp. O'Sullivan, "I'll hammer it shut," and he did, and brought the charter with him, and that Chapter never got it back till it got a set of officers who not only learned the work, but learned the difference between a *stated meeting* and an eternal one."

On High Priesthood he says:

"We hold that the Grand Chapter, *as such*, knows just about as much about the Order of High Priesthood, *as such*, as it does about the Knights of Pythias, and as no Grand body ought to meddle in things that are not germane to its legislation, it cannot control this Order. This is the long and short of it. It is different from the Past Master's ceremony being controlled by the Grand Lodge, because that ceremony is a prerequisite to installation, and due provision is made for it outside of the Grand Lodge."

He also gives convincing and truthful arguments of the utility of the "corps."

"If our good Companion will but reflect a moment, he will find that the almost identical jurisprudence which now prevades the jurisdictions of the United States, is due almost solely to the criticisms and comparisons of the foreign correspondents. They have, from time to time, taken up issues presenting themselves, and discussed them with a proper spirit, until each Grand body found out just what the other did, and also how various plans of government worked, until to-day we have but little discrepancy between any of them. Fraternal criticisms are always in place, and should be always welcome; but we are opposed to any such that attempt to lift the secret veil of our mysteries and speak of things hidden. Any intelligent correspondent should know how to write without committing this error. The correspondent corps are the first to put the "breaks down" on the gigantic wheels of "progressiveness," upon which many Grand officers are too prone to run our institution. Look again over the field, Comp. Griscom, and see if you are not in error; for to apply your own rule, you will find

by looking at your report before us, that if you were to eliminate the quotations of the reviewers, there would be but little left, apart from brief reference thereto. Dear Companion, this is a thinking age, and thoughts will speak."

The G. H. P. and G. Secretary were re-elected.

NEBRASKA.

The fifth annual convocation was held at Lincoln, June 10th 1871. M. E. Comp. E. A. Allen, G. H. P. and R. E. Comp. R. W. Furnas, G. Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 6; Exalted, 65; Admitted, 11; dimitted, 12; Died, 2; Suspended, N. P. D., 8; Expelled, 1; Members, 359; Dues, \$638.00.

The G. H. P., decided as follows, and the decisions were approved by the Grand Chapter:

"A Master Mason in this Jurisdiction applies for the degrees in Keystone Chapter and is rejected; afterwards he removed out of our jurisdiction, and sends his petition for our recommendation to——Chapter for the degrees. Question:

"1st. Will this petition for recommendation have to lay over the usual thirty days, or may we pass upon it instanter?

"2nd. Must the ballot be by a three-fourths vote, or entirely in the affirmative?

"In the absence of a By-Law, or legislation by the Grand Chapter of this State I am at a loss to know what to do in the premise. Your answer will be anxiously looked for by our Chapter."

The following were my decisions thereupon and some of the reasons therefor:

1st. The petition must lie over the usual thirty days, or one lunar month.

2nd. The ballot must be unanimous in his favor in order to recommend him.

The petition should lie over from one stated meeting to another to give such as had previously voted to reject the applicant, as well as all other members, due notice, and an opportunity to be present when action is taken thereon.

The ballot should be unanimous, else you might be placed in the peculiar position of having rejected a candidate as unfit to belong to your chapter, but recommending him as good enough for the Chapter to which he is now applying."

He had visited California:

"During last winter it was my privilege to visit the golden shores of the Pacific; resting and refreshing myself a goodly time in the pictureque city of San Francisco, in the shadow of its imposing Masonic Temple, which stands in all its grandeur and surpassing excellence as an enduring monument of the zeal and fidelity of those who designed and caused its construction. I made numerous acquaintances, recollections of which can never be erased from my memory. Being a stranger upon arrival, how forcibly was I reminded of that all powerful bond of Union, Love and Affection which ever exists among companions of our Order, from the Orient to the Occident. 'Tis enough to know that having been crowned with "Holiness to the Lord," they are engaged in the same laudable undertaking.

I visited California Chapter No. 5, a number of times, where, as an officer of this Grand Chapter, you were honored by my being received with all the honors due my rank. Every attention, courtesy and hospitality in their power to bestow, was not only freely tendered, but urged upon me. I had the pleasure of inspecting all of their work in capitular Masonry, and declare it par-excellent. Indeed I have never witnessed the conferring of the Chapter degrees in a more skillful and impressive manner, and the privileged visitor is enlivened anew with that spirit of noble contention, or rather emulation, (so truly a commendable Masonic virtue,) of who can best work and best agree."

And on this the committee reported:

"RESOLVED—That we recognize in the most flattering reception and generous hospitality extended to our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, E. A. Allen, of this Grand Chapter, by the Royal Arch Chapters of the State of California, and more particularly Chapter No. 5, during his visit to the Pacific Coast, as indicative of the most friendly con-fraternity on the part of our sister Chapters, and remindful of that all powerful bond of Union, Love and Affection which should ever exist among companions of our Order.

RESOLVED—That we most heartily welcome this exhibition of fraternal affection on the part of the Chapters of the State of California, and will ever hold ourselves in readiness to return the honor and courtesy thus conferred upon this Grand body, should opportunity offer, and would most respectfully extend a cordial invitation to our companions of the Royal Arch Chapters of California to visit the Chapters of this State at any and all times that convenience may dictate, guaranteeing to show them every attention, courtesy and hospitality in our power to bestow."

Canada for 1870, is fraternally noticed by the Grand Secretary in his able report on correspondence.

M. E. Comp. E. A. Allen, was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Robert W. Furnas, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The fifteenth Annual Convocation was held at Trenton, September 13th, 1871. M. E. Comp. M. Higginbotham, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Woolverton, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 26; Exalted, 287; Admitted, 27; Dimitted, 33; Expelled, 3; Suspended, 3; For N. P. D., 15; Died, 15; Members, 2,233.

The G. H. P. delivered an interesting address. He issued two dispensations for new Chapters and revoked one because the Chapter building could not be properly tyled. He decided that

“In determining the territorial jurisdiction of a Chapter, the distance should be taken from the boundary line of the city, town or village named in its warrant, by the nearest highway,” and that “a Chapter cannot suspend the operation of a By-law.”

Reports were presented from the Deputy G. H. P., the Grand King and the Grand Scribe, who appear to perform the same work as our Grand Superintendents of Districts.

The sum of \$100 was voted to the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for his services.

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was recognized.

A committee was appointed to prepare a history of R. A. Masonry in New Jersey.

The report on Correspondence covers nearly 150 pages, and is as usual by Comp. Thomas J. Corson—the irrepressible—which is all we need say as to its quality. As Ovid has it: “*Est multi fabula plena joci.*” Canada for 1870 is noticed and extracts given from our report. Speaking of the report of Comp. Carr, of Kansas, he says:

“In his review of Louisiana, he objects to the term ‘Affiliated Above,’ as used by the Companions of that State in regard to deceased members of their Grand Chapter, and says that such action is ‘rather questionable,’ and moreover that he would ‘hesitate to apply the term in general.’ This is all very well as the Louisiana Companions never accused any Kansas Mason of having gone upward, and if Comp. Carr prefers that ‘Dimitted Downward’ should be written as the mortuary record of deceased members in his jurisdiction, no one can object. How does he know that the

Louisiana Companions have not ascended? He is as particular in this matter as was the chap who, after reading the tombstone inscription, "Prepare for death and follow me," irreverently wrote thereunder:

"To follow you, ere I consent,
I'd like to know which way you went."

And on Anti-Masons:

"We entirely agree with Comp. Pierson in the following in regard to Anti-Masons:

'We think Masons are giving entirely too much prominence to the aforesaid 'antiquated bigots, expelled Masons,' and 'fomenters of faction.' Near 700,000 men in this country are enlisted under the banners of Masonry. Its votaries are to be found in all the walks of life. Why should Masons in high places notice the endeavors of a few brainless things that can gain notoriety only from the notice that they receive from the fraternity.'

Why, all that these idiotic wind-bags desire is notoriety; and every allusion made to them by a Masonic Body or individual Mason is considered a God-send by them, because it brings them into a degree of prominence which their own efforts could never accomplish. They are not recognized or noticed by the decent portion of the community anywhere, and we disgrace and degrade ourselves by paying any attention to them. We, personally, would as lief go hunting skunks as to have anything to do with these blaspheming hypocrites, whose societies are made up of expelled Masons and rejected candidates, oath-breakers, defunct politicians, moral abortions and sickening libels on humanity. Let them alone to perish in their own filth."

One thing, however, we must correct Comp. Corson in—Comp. Robertson does *not* "use his 33." We believe in keeping those things in their proper places, and using them only where they really belong.

M. E. Comp. W. H. Jeffreys was elected G. H. P. and R. E. Comp. John Woolverton re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The seventy-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Albany, February 6th, 1872. M. E. Comp. Rees G. Williams, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 184; Members, 16,812; Exalted, 1,855; Affiliated, 104; Restored, 46; Total increase, 2,005. Dimitted, 307; Suspended for non-payment of dues, 427;

Suspended for other unmasonic conduct, 7; Expelled, 7; Died, 178; Total decrease, 926; Net increase, 1,079.

The address of the G. H. P. is very able and interesting. He says:

"I have visited officially during the year many Chapters in the central cities of the State, and several in the rural districts. Our organizations in the cities have been stimulated by frequent official visitations of Grand Officers, it was deemed expedient to extend the intercourse of the executive to the subordinates not thus located, hoping thereby to awaken renewed interest in the progress of our institution. In the exercise of our ritual by the Chapters thus visited I am happy to state that from the zeal and ardor of the membership, and from the correct administration of affairs by the officers, much has been done to place Royal Arch Masonry in the favorable position it now occupies. Let it not be forgotten that the Companion who devotes his time in acquiring the ritual, is punctual in his attendance upon Chapter meetings, and faithfully performs his duty, contributes largely to the advancement and perpetuity of our Order, and finds his chief reward in the augmented membership and general prosperity of his Chapter. I desire to extend to the M.: E.: Companions and members my hearty acknowledgments for courtesies received."

Four dispensations to organize new Chapters were issued during the year. He also reports aid to Chicago, \$1,181.00 by private Chapters, exclusive of \$200.00 voted by Buffalo Chapter, No. 71, \$100.00 for Michigan and \$100 for Wisconsin.

The Grand Lecturer has had a trip to England:

"During the heat of Summer, however, when the Chapters generally suspend work, leave of absence for six weeks was granted to the Grand Lecturer to visit London, England, with authority to exemplify the Capitular Degrees before the Royal Craft of that city, and also to confer the Most Excellent Master's Degree upon Royal Arch Masons who had petitioned for the same. This was done by the assistance of four Companions from this jurisdiction, and at the Free Masons' Tavern. The opportunity of witnessing the exemplification of the degrees was highly appreciated, and the Companions of London expressed themselves as delighted and even surprised at the perfectness of the work in all its detail; and the manifestation of their gratitude was earnest and heartfelt at being placed in possession of one of the most beautiful degrees in Masonry."

We quote farther as follows:

"I take great pleasure in calling your attention to the excellent and harmonious relations existing between our own and concurrent jurisdictions.

Nothing but the utmost good feeling and cordiality has characterized the year's intercourse between this and sister Grand Chapters. Indeed I think we may challenge any and all other associations or bodies of men, similarly situated, to a comparison of record either as to peaceful, quiet settlement of differences of opinion or conflict of claims, setting forth in the strongest light the great beauty of our system—Universal Brotherhood. Theorize as some will, argue as others may, the great fact still exists that Royal Arch Masonry has a charm and a power unequalled and irresistible.

I have rendered decisions on several questions submitted during the year, among them the following :

1. A companion who has been duly elected, and installed, and while serving as High Priest, cannot be a petitioner for a Dispensation to organize a new Chapter.

2. That two Chapters, having a contiguous jurisdiction, cannot mutually agree to render inoperative the fundamental law of the Grand Chapter in admitting candidates."

The committee on jurisprudence, composed of five P. G. H. Priests, reported as follows, which report was adopted :

"That they approve of the two decisions of the Grand High Priest contained in his address, *as there stated*; but if the second decision means to deny the right of Chapters to make arrangements respecting their territorial jurisdiction, we cannot concur in the conclusion. We know the rule as to contiguous Chapters to be that they have control over all material halfway from the respective Chapters, and that no agreement of such Chapters can change the rule; but they have a right, as between themselves, to agree as to the use of material by either; which agreement may at any time be rescinded, leaving the general rule as before.

With respect to the authority given by the Grand High Priest to confer the Most Excellent Master's degree upon companions in London, the committee entertain very serious doubts; but are inclined to give the most favorable construction to its exercise in this particular. The companions in London asked for a warrant for a council in London to confer that degree. The Grand High Priest did not accede to that request; but did authorize the Grand Lecturer to confer that degree upon properly qualified candidates, and to exemplify the capitular degrees.

Now, as a matter of instruction merely, the Grand Lecturer did not need such authority, if he conceived he had a right to communicate it; and the authority thus given had no force or power beyond the limits of this jurisdiction, and the giving it did not put the companions receiving it in lawful possession of the degree in question. We believe that it can only be properly conferred by a Chapter within our limits, upon proper application. But we are confident that the officers in question intended nothing

improper or unlawful, but only meant an act of kindness and courtesy, and above all no intention or wish to evade or intrude upon the jurisdiction of our Royal Arch Companions in England; an act which would meet with the most unqualified disapprobation of this Grand Chapter; and so believing, we pass the matter over, hoping that an experiment so doubtful and dangerous may not be repeated. If our companions in England desire to possess this degree, an application on the part of the proper Grand Body to the proper officers of the General Grand Chapter, would meet with the most prompt and respectful attention."

The sum of \$550.00 was voted in charity and \$250.00 to the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

An able address was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, which is printed with the proceedings. We regret that we have no room for extracts from it.

We notice, among the Representatives appointed, "Comp. Henry Robertson to the Grand Chapter of Canada."

Comp. Joseph White submitted his sixteenth report on Correspondence. He reviews in his usual excellent manner the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1871, which receives a fraternal notice. He has the following on dues:

"We cannot agree with Comp. Robertson that fees should supersede annual dues, for the reason that a sufficient sum for that purpose would be an onerous burden which many very worthy persons could not spare, particularly at an early period in life. And again, the Americans are a migratory people—and persons should pay where they reside. But we most fully believe that *aged* and *indigent* brethren and Companions should be exempt from annual dues without prejudice to their membership, and for years have so advocated."

Some regulation should be adopted to carry out the last idea.

Comp. White defends the New York practice as to the Order of High Priesthood.

"We beg to inform our Companions, one and all, that it is in this (New York) jurisdiction an essential part of the installation ceremonies of a High Priest; and the fact of its being conferred at the session of the Grand Chapter, is both a matter of propriety and convenience, and does not, in any sense, interfere with the remaining ceremonies being performed at a subsequent period in their respective Chapters. It is a matter of propriety to receive the consecration at the session of the Grand Chapter,

because it is there done in *ample form*. It is a matter of convenience, because every High Priest elect is the first representative of his Chapter, and he can there receive it without any extra expense or trouble. If not taken at the Grand Session, a necessary number of Past High Priests are convened to confer the Order before installation. The Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter are, by virtue of their several stations, the officers of a convention of High Priests also; which seems to have puzzled the brains of some of our Companions, and led them to suppose that the Grand Chapter at large conferred the Order." * * *

"New York is noticed by copious extracts from G.: H.: P.: John W. Simons' address, and also our report; about which Comp. Pearson says: "We want to 'put our oar in' and remark, that the Order of High Priesthood was not manufactured until at least twenty years after the American Royal Arch." Now, Comp. Pierson, please tell us by what title the first three officers of the "American Chapter" were known during the twenty years intervening between the discarding of the English titles, Zerubbabel, Haggai and Jeshua, and the adoption of our present ones, viz., High Priest, King and Scribe, if the High Priesthood was not "*manufactured*" or known during that period? The title, "High Priest," is to our mind the strongest presumptive evidence that the Priesthood was the primary idea in the "American arrangement, intending to adopt an hierarchy for the government of the Chapter; which is the reason why the term High Priest is applied to the first officer in our Chapters. In short, we consider that our Chapters, as at present constituted, are inconsistent in their organization upon any other plan than an hierarchy, and all else was made subservient to it. For this reason, Jeshua, the son of Josedek, the High Priest, the Third Principal in the English Royal Arch, from which we have derived our Chapter existence, was transferred to the first office leaving the "Prince," Zerubbabel, to whom was entrusted the holy vessels and treasures, and the command of the expedition which went up from Babylon to Jerusalem by order of Cyrus, to be reduced to a secondary station as King. These facts appear conclusive to our mind, that the "High Priesthood" was first in thought, and that the "American" Chapter organization was arranged upon that basis. These things harmonize also, with the Order of High Priesthood as we received it more than thirty years ago, from Comps. Wadsworth, Enos, Gilbert, and others who for sixty years did not fail attending the Annual Convocations of this (New York) Grand Chapter."

We regret that we lose Comp. White from among the reporters. We wish him many years yet of usefulness and comfort. We quote his valedictory:

"The present Report is the sixteenth which we have had the honor to present to this Grand Chapter. We cannot hope to have given satisfac-

tion to all; but we flatter ourselves from the repeated appointments upon the Committee of Correspondence, that our humble efforts have not been wholly without your approbation. We have honestly endeavored to give a plain but faithful account of the doings of other Grand Chapters of such matters as were of general interest to the Royal Craft, and particularly of such rulings and decisions upon questions of Masonic law as differed from our own. We claim to have acted conscientiously in our labors; and now, having passed the age allotted to man, "threescore years and ten," we leave the labors of the future to younger and abler hands. Our prayers will henceforth be, as in the past, for the Masonic fraternity; in union and harmony, "now and forever, one and inseparable."

M. E. Comp. Rees G. Williams was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Two emergent convocations were held on April 4th and 11th, 1871, to amend the Constitution in some particulars.

The second annual convocation was held at Halifax, June 6th, 1871. The G. H. P., M. E. Comp. Hon. Alex. Keith was absent in the United States undergoing an operation for the recovery of his eyesight, and his chair was filled by R. E. Comp. S. R. Sircom, Grand King; R. E. Comp. James Gossip, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS: Chapters, 3; Exalted, 30; Dimitted 4; members, 136.

The address of the acting G. H. P., states that they have been recognized by the Grand Chapter of England, and by all the Grand Chapters in America except Tennessee, which has delayed doing so in consequence of the action of the Grand Chapter of Scotland. (Tennessee has since then, recognized fully.)

One dispensation was issued for a new Chapter which received its charter at this meeting.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. J. C. Brown, whose lamented decease was noticed at our last convocation. Canada for 1870 is fraternally noticed and very interesting extracts are given from the minutes of "the first Mark Lodge on this continent" from November 16th, 1784.

M. E. comp. Hon. Alex. Keith having declined re-election, M. E. Comp. S. R. Sirecom was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. James Gossip was re-elected Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

The fifty-fifth annual convocation was held at Sandusky. September 26th 1871. M. E. Comp. Charles C. Kiefer, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. James Nesbitt, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS: Chapters, 124; Exalted, 786; Admitted, 85; Re-instated, 87; Withdrawn, 266; Died, 77; Suspended, 206; Expelled, 20; Members, 7,060; Receipts, \$3,610.25; Balance, \$4,044.55.

The G. H. P., issued five dispensations for new Chapters. From his address we take the following:

COMPANIONS.—Life, to me, is a very great mystery. The question, "What is your life," comes very often, uncalled for, and, on an occasion like the present, the question proves itself through the multitude of thoughts and memories, and clamors for consideration. "What is your life?" Am I making the best possible use of the opportunities of life as they are at presented? Are you meeting the ends of your being, and discharging the high responsibilities resting upon you, in view of the positions you occupy in our Order and in the State? My own mind goes back a quarter of a century and calls up the lessons and teachings of Masonry, learned and meditated over in the earlier years of my Masonic life; and I ask myself the question, "How I, in youth, as an Entered Apprentice, industriously occupied my time in the attainment of useful knowledge; and in manhood am I applying that knowledge in a faithful discharge of the duties which I owe to God, my neighbor and myself?" Are we all so applying these lessons and duties, that we can look forward to the time of age, in the hope of enjoying the happy reflection consequent upon a well spent life, and wait our appointed time, when we shall be, like ripe sheaves in the harvest time, gathered into the great garner of eternity."

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was recognized.

The following report was adopted, viz:

"The Committee on jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution in regard to the conferring of the Chapter Degrees on maimed candidates, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following amended resolution, and recommend its adoption,

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this G. Chapter, a Master Mason who

has become maimed in person, is not thereby absolutely physically disqualified for receiving the degrees conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter, but the degree of injury or maiming that shall constitute physical disqualification for the receiving of degrees shall be left, as the moral and other necessary qualifications are, with the several Subordinate Chapters.

RESOLVED, That the resolution No. 3, on page 102, of the printed proceedings of 1868, be and the same is hereby repealed.

The resolution referred to, reads as follows, viz: "A Master Mason, who has lost an arm or leg, hand or foot, is not a proper candidate for the Chapter Degrees."

We must say that we think "Resolution, No. 3," should not have been repealed. We hold that it properly excludes those who are physically disqualified, and that those specified are physically incapable of complying with the requirements of the various degrees. We also object that the subordinate Chapter is not the proper tribunal to decide on such questions. It should be left to the Grand Chapter, or, during recess, to the G. H. P., whose decision, if erroneous, could be reviewed by the Grand Chapter at its next session.

DEATHS.—Comps. Thomas Sparrow, P. G. Master; Davis Embree, P. G. H. P., and Samuel Reed, P. Deputy G. H. P.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. J. Kelly O'Neill. Canada for 1870 is kindly noticed.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

OREGON.

The eleventh Annual Convocation was held at Salena, June 16th, 1871. M. E. Comp. James R. Bayley, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters 5; Exalted, 5; Dimitted, 5; Suspended, 1; Members, 176; Dues, \$206.00.

The address of the G. H. P. is very brief. He congratulates the Companions on their continued prosperity and absence of discord. He appointed a number of Representatives to sister Grand Chapters among whom we find R. E. Comp. T. B. Harris for Canada.

It was resolved that three copies of their proceedings should be sent to each Grand Chapter, one to the G. H. P., one to the Grand Secretary, and one to the Committee on Correspondence. The copy for your Committee has not arrived. The only copy we have belongs to the Grand Secretary, and this will account for our short notice of this Grand Chapter as there are many things we would like to quote, but have not the time to spare to copy them.

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was recognized.

Comp. T. McF. Patton submits the report on Correspondence, which is a really excellent paper. Canada for 1869 and 1870 is well noticed. We would like him, however, to answer one or two questions. If a Companion should be expelled without having had notice of the time of trial or without having had a fair trial would not Comp. Patton say that he had been "*unjustly*" and "*wrongfully*" expelled? And if that expulsion had been reversed by the Grand Chapter on the ground of its illegality, would not the Companion be thereby restored to membership in his Chapter without a ballot?

He says of our report for 1870 that it is "throughout fraternal and evinces great care in its preparation. The selections are good and liberal extracts are given, and our Companions in the Dominion ought to congratulate themselves that they have the right man in the right place."

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

PENNSYLVANIA.

At a quarterly meeting on February 2nd, 1871, it was

"RESOLVED, That it is the undoubted right of any member to object at any time to the advancement of a candidate before receiving the degree in a Mark Lodge, or the first degree applied for in a Chapter. That upon such objection being made in open Lodge or Chapter, the Worshipful Master or High Priest shall not proceed in conferring the degree upon said applicant so objected to. That upon an objection being made, the Master or High Priest shall order the same to be entered upon the minutes. That such objection shall be deemed a rejection, and the candidate cannot be advanced until such objection is removed."

On August 3rd, 1871, the Grand Chapter "most fraternally declined" to send delegates to the General Grand Chapter.

November 3rd, 1871, the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales was recognized.

The Annual Convocation was held at Philadelphia, December 27th, 1871. M.E. Comp. Michael Nesbit, G. H. P. and R. E. Comp. John Thomson, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.

	MARK LODGES.	1870.	1871.
Number of Mark Lodges		3	3
Marked.....		26	14
Suspended or Expelled.....		64	87
Died or Resigned.....		45	54
Admitted or Restored.....		5	0
Members.....		2,608	2,476

CHAPTERS.

Number of Subordinate Chapters.....	75	81
Marked.....	757	966
Received and Accepted Most Excellent Masters.....	900	1039
Exalted	884	1132
Admitted or Restored.....	62	110
Died or Resigned	238	157
Suspended or Expelled.....	236	124
Rejected.....	39	32
Members of Chapters.....	7,021	7,119

Note.—Five Chapters have not made their returns. In 1870 they returned members..... 545

Making total number of members, in 1872, about.... 7,664

The G. H. P. delivered an able and interesting address, giving very fully the state of many of the Chapters and particularizing his official visitations. In compliance with a former resolution he had procured the likenesses of nearly all the Past Grand officers (elective), which were placed in the official room of the Grand High Priest.

He declined re-election and was succeeded by M. E. Comp. Charles E. Meyer who delivered an impressive inaugural address, from which we make the following interesting extracts.

"The early history of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania is no doubt intimately connected with a Chapter or Chapters worked by officers of the British army, stationed in Philadelphia, about the middle of the last century. It will be found by reference to the reprint of the proceedings of the Grand

Chapter, that Lodge No. 3, claims the honor of having, as far as known, the oldest records of the Royal Arch degree in this country, its records dating back as far as 1765. In 1797, the great innovator, Thomas Smith Webb, and a few others from the New England States, made strenuous efforts to form a Grand Chapter in Pennsylvania; owing, however, to the influence of many members of the Grand Lodge, they were not successful, and the very object they tried to accomplish was carried out by the Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania in forming a Grand Chapter, subordinate, however to the Grand Lodge.

A few years after this, in 1797, a Grand Chapter of the Northern States of America was formed by Webb and his coadjutors. The present General Grand Chapter of the United States was not formed until 1806, at which time, if we are not mistaken, they first claimed jurisdiction over the Past Master's so-called degree.

In 1820, the members of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania endeavored to make the Grand Chapter an independent body, not subordinate to or under any control of the Grand Lodge. This movement was strenuously opposed by many distinguished Masons, led by Brother Josiah Randall, more particularly on account of the intended incorporation of the degree of Most Excellent Master. To the Mark Master's degree there appears to have been not so much objection, as Brother Randall and others had previously received it, but how or where we have not been able to learn.

After a series of motions, pro and con, on the 17th day of December, 1824 the Grand Chapter became independent, and from that time Royal Arch Masonry has prospered in this jurisdiction.

At the November Grand Communication, the Grand Chapter unanimously recognized the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales as a legitimate Grand Body, and it gives me great pleasure at this time to extend a hearty welcome and to express the wishes of this Grand Chapter for its future prosperity. The Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales was established in June, 1856, and now numbers over one hundred and thirty Lodges. It is prosperous and harmonious, and, when the question of jurisdiction is settled between it and the Grand Chapter of Scotland, will increase wonderfully.

During the past year, in order that I might be able to lay before the Grand Chapter as much information as possible on the Subject of Capitular Masonry in Great Britain and Ireland, I entered into correspondence with that distinguished Masonic historian, Companion William James Hughan, of Truro, Cornwall, England, who has kindly furnished me with answers to the following questions, together with a short history of the Mark degree in the countries above named, which will be found in the Appendix, "A."

MARK MASTER MASON.

Ques. Is the Mark degree, as worked in England, the Mark Man or the Mark Master Mason ?

Ans. The *Mark Man* and *Mark Master* are both worked in general; the first as preparatory to the latter, but, generally speaking, only the *Mark Master's*. The "Ark," "Mark and Link or Wrestle" are now obsolete. The *Mark Man* or *Mason* was given to *Fellow Crafts* on January 7th, 1778, at Banff, Scotland; but the *Mark Master* at the same time was at the same meeting restricted to *Master Masons*. This is important, as the latter has been restricted to *Master Masons* in England, Ireland, and Scotland.

Ques. Is it recognized by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter of England ?

Ans. The Mark is not recognized by the *Grand Lodge* or *Grand Chapter* of England. It is, however, by the *Grand Lodge* and *Grand Chapter* of Scotland,* and by the *Grand Chapter* of Ireland. The Mark in England is under a separate jurisdiction, called the *Grand Lodge of Mark Masters*, numbering over one hundred Lodges, established in June, 1856. It is prosperous. A few Lodges are granted for England by the *Grand Chapter* of Scotland, *pro tempore*. The *Grand Lodge of Mark Masters* is recognized by the *Grand Chapter* of Ireland and the *Grand Chapter* of Canada.

Ques. What are the requirements of an applicant ? Must he be a *Fellow Craft* or *Master Mason*, and must he "pass the chair" or be an "installed *Master*" before applying ?

Ans. The requirement is simply to be a *Master Mason*; no matter how short a time.

Ques. How many candidates can be Marked at one and the same time, or is there no limit as to number ?

Ans. Any number can be advanced *at one time*.

Ques. Who are its officers ?

Ans. The officers are *Worshipful Master*, *Senior* and *Junior Wardens*, three *Overseers*, *Treasurer*, *Chaplain*, *Secretary*, two *Deacons*, *Director of Ceremonies*, *Assistant Director of Ceremonies*, *Registrar of Marks*, *Inner Guard* or *time Keeper*, *Stewards*, and *Tyler*. The *Worshipful Master* and *Wardens*, with the *Overseers*, are members officially of *Provincial Grand Lodge* and *Grand Lodge*. The *Worshipful Master* must have been *Worship*,

* The Constitution of the *Grand Lodge of Scotland* says: "All Lodges holding of the *Grand Lodge of Scotland* are strictly prohibited and discharged from holding any other meeting than those of the three Orders, viz., *Apprentice*, *Fellow Craft*, and *Master Mason* denominated 'St. John's Masonry,' the Mark forming part of the second degree, though only to be conferred on *Master Masons*."

ful Master of a Craft Lodge (actually) and been a Warden of a Mark Lodge or twelve months.

Ques. Is the Mark degree as worked in England the same as that worked in Ireland and Scotland?

Ans. The Mark degree is virtually the same in the three countries.

Ques. Are Lodges of Mark Masters separately constituted and consecrated, and what degree is it numerically?

Ans. Mark Lodges are generally consecrated or constituted. No regular ceremony is generally worked, and none is authorized. Numerically, in Scotland, it is the fourth degree, and so in Ireland. In England, there is no actual numeration whatever. It is, however, considered to be numerically as intermediate to the third degree and Royal Arch.

PAST MASTER.

Ques. Is the "Past Master" or ceremonial of "Passing to the chair" or "installed Master" recognized by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter of England?

Ans. In England, the Past Master means one who has served twelve months as Worshipful Master of a Lodge, (actually.) No honorary degree is allowed at all for such rank, and it is under Grand Lodge only, although it is not termed a separate degree. In Scotland, it is the fifth in rank under Grand Chapter, and is preparatory to the Arch, as is also the Mark (fourth,) and Most Excellent, (sixth.)

Brother Laurence Dermott, Grand Secretary of the "Ancients," (and subsequently Deputy Grand Master,) was installed Master of No. 26, Dublin, Ireland, 24th of June, 1746. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England 1723 speaks of the installation of the Master as "certain significant ceremonies and ancient usages." The ceremony, however, was observed in the presence of even the Apprentices.

Dr. Dassigny, of A. D. 1744, mentions brethren as "having passed the chair." I think the Installed Master was originated about 1738, when the Royal Arch was instituted, and by the "Ancients."

I notice in an addition of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, A. D. 1738, the forty-seventh problem of Euclid is inserted, without note or comment, at the end of the work.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER MASON.

Ques. Have you such a degree? If so, where and by what and whose authority is it conferred? If conferred, is it recognized by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter? Have they such a degree in Ireland and Scotland?

Ans. Worked in England in connection with the Mark Grand Lodge. In Scotland, sixth degree, as above mentioned.

ROYAL ARCH MASON.

Ques. Under what and whose authority is the Royal Arch conferred?

Ans. By Grand Chapters in England, *recognized* by Grand Lodge; in Scotland, *not* recognized by the Grand Lodge; In Ireland, *virtually* recognized by Grand Lodge. In Scotland, Grand Lodge only recognizes the three Craft degrees and the *Mark*.

Ques. Is the Grand Chapter a separate organization, (that is, independent,) and are subordinate Chapters distinct organizations and do they work under Chapter warrants?

Ans. Grand Chapters are separate organizations.

Ques. What are the qualifications of candidates for the degree?

Ans. In England, twelve months a Master Mason, unless by dispensation. Any number, even one, may be exalted the same evening. We never have or have had any rule requiring three candidates, proxy or otherwise, in this country.

Ques. Who are its officers?

Ans. (Z.,) Zerubbabel or First Principal, (H.,) Haggai or Second Principal, (J.,) Jeshua or Third Principal, Chaplain, Treasurer, Scribe E., (Ezra,) Scribe N., (Nehemiah,) Principal Sojourner, Assistant Senior and Junior Sojourners,* Director of ceremonies, Sword Bearer, Stewards, Banner Bearer, and Janitor. All are elected by members but Assistant Sojourners, who are chosen by the Principal Sojourner. The three Principals must be actual Past Masters of Craft Lodges, and they must be taken seriatim annually.

Ques. Have you such a degree or order as High Priesthood?

Ans. High Priesthood not recognized. Separate ceremonials, however, at installation of each of the Principals, and at opening, only Past or Present Principals are present.

*The three Sojourners are mentioned in the Constitution of Royal Arch, 1778 and 1782 and so in all since under the "Moderns," so called, but really the "Ancients."

From *Laws for Society of Royal Arch Masons*, 1778 and 1782, [London,] "*Moderns*," I have made the annexed extracts:

1. "That according to ancient custom, a complete Chapter of the Supreme Degree of Masonry consists of three Principals, who, when in Chapter assembled, are to be considered jointly as the Master and each severally as a Master; two Scribes, three Sojourners, (the edition of 1778 has for Scribes three Sojourners,) and seventy-two others, as council; and that no regular Chapter of this exalted degree can consist of more; but that any number may be exalted and received as Companions, though not to hold the staff of office or be considered as councillors when more than that number are present."

Ques. To whom are your Chapters dedicated ?

Ans. Dedication mainly as Craft dedication.

Ques. Does suspension or expulsion in Blue or Craft Lodges work suspension or expulsion in the Chapter ?

Ans. Yes, in England and Ireland.

Ques. Is there any difference in the work of England from that of Ireland Scotland, and the United States ? and have any changes been made within few years ?

Ans. None of much importance, excepting in Ireland, where the officers are more after the American style. No change made of late years.

Ques. Is the degree as worked now in England that of the Ancients or Moderns—Anderson or Dermott ?

Ans. A union of both in 1817.

Ques. Do you use the words "Holy Royal Arch ?"

Ans. "Holy Royal Arch" never occurs in our Regulations, and is never used by Grand Chapter. The degree is often so called in our Chapters, and so designated in our Summons. The term arose with the Ancients, but in their Constitution for 1756 it is called "Royal Arch." In 1807 it is styled the "Holy Royal Arch" by the same body.

Ques. Have you separate installation ceremony for each of the Principals in the Chapter ? and who are present at the installation ?

Ans. We have a separate installation ceremony for all the Principals, viz., Zerubbabel, Haggai, and Jeshua. It is rather an elaborate affair. In England and Scotland you must serve as Jeshua before Haggai, and Haggai before Zerubbabel ; and in England either Principal must be a Past Master before installation, unless by dispensation. None but possessors of the Principals's degree to be installed can witness the ceremony.

Ques. What is the Royal Ark Mariner's degree ?

Ans. The Royal Ark Mariner's degree is a side degree. It is worked under the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and given only to Royal Arch Masons. It has been worked off and on for a century. In England it is given to, Mark Masons, and has a governing body. Excepting as a curiosity, it is useless."

A new Constitution was adopted containing a number of important amendments.

We must also append a very interesting letter from Comp. Hughan on the Mark Degree.

"In response to the invitation of my esteemed friend, M. E. Comp. C.

E. Meyer, I will endeavor, as time permits, to afford the Companions in Pennsylvania a glimpse of British Capitular Freemasonry.

To commence the series according to custom, the Mark degree should, of course, *first* receive notice.

In Ireland Mark Masonry is comparatively quiet at present.

Chapters are *not* compelled to give the degree as preparatory to the Royal Arch, and although it is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, but little attention is paid to its peculiar and impressive ceremonies. A distinctive mark *may* (not *must*) be adopted, and *separate certificates are issued, if required*. Six Mark Masters are required to be present at opening, who must be duly qualified to fill the offices of Master, Wardens and Overseers. Members are accepted as Mark Masters under that Constitution without any intention of being *exalted*, just as with brethren who join the Mark Lodges in Philadelphia and in England, &c.—being, of course, Master Masons. .

Some of the foregoing remarks having been made by me, and questioned, I submitted the points in dispute to the Assistant Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and that most obliging Companion confirmed my statements in full. In a letter dated 1st July, 1871, he observes: "It is quite *optional* with brethren taking the Royal Arch to take the Mark degree, *i. e.*, as far as Grand Chapter is concerned; but very many Chapters, by their By-laws, make it a prerequisite." Hence, it is clear that, in Ireland,

(a) The Mark degree is not a prerequisite for Royal Arch Masonry, according to the laws of the Grand Chapter. .

(b) That some Chapters do not work the degree.

(c) That Lodges work under the Chapter warrants.

(d) That Mark Masonry has not the prominence as in other countries.

In Scotland the Mark degree is in a *unique* position. The *Grand Lodge* recognizes it, and so does the Grand Chapter. Any Craft Lodge, under its Constitution, has a right to work the Degree, in Scotland, as a *Craft Lodge*, and many exercise that privilege; and, in fact, *all can*. It is considered by some authorities to belong to the Second degree, but no evidence in support of this position has been adduced. The earliest minute known which alludes to the degree is dated A. D. 1778, of which we have a copy, and unequivocally connects the Mark Master's degree with the Master Mason.

The "Mark" is a prerequisite for Royal Arch Masonry under the Grand Chapter, and candidates for exaltation who have been "advanced" in a Craft Lodge are accepted as members of the *Fourth* degree.

The Grand Chapter has granted warrants to form Mark Lodges in England from A. D. 1856, but never many at any time have been working. Some of these, however, have been most successful, particularly one now working at Manchester. Some brethren, like the writer, belong to both jurisdictions, and hope soon to see all undue rivalry at an end. The warrants contain a proviso that in the event of any governing body being recognized for the degree in England, they should *ipso facto* be cancelled. It is believed by many that the time has come for these warrants to be recalled, as a properly constituted governing body exists in England for the present time, with more than one hundred Mark Lodges on its roll and some thousands of members.

Unfortunately *one* of the Lodges that took part in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters (only *one* out of several) for England and Wales, A. D. 1856, viz., the "Bon Accord Mark Lodge," held in London, met by virtue of a warrant from the Bon Accord Chapter, in Aberdeen, Scotland, which was *illegally granted*.

Chapters, at that time, had power to issue warrants to work the Mark degree in Scotland, *but not in England*, which, of course, was masonically beyond the jurisdiction of Scottish Chapters. This misfortune has contributed, I fear, to induce the Grand Chapter of Scotland to continue the Mark Warrants in England, although, of course, the mistake of some Scottish brethren cannot invalidate the position of the several Mark Lodges which united to form the Grand Lodge in question, *some of which have worked the degree for many years before even the Grand Chapter of Scotland was instituted*.

We anticipate ere long that the good understanding and fellowship always subsisting between the members of both organizations will be indissolubly cemented by the withdrawal of the warrants for Scottish Mark Lodges in England.

Companions in the United States can feelingly sympathize with those who are suffering from "invasion of jurisdiction," and although we in England as Mark Masters are content to wait patiently for free and full recognition of our claims by the Grand Chapter of Scotland, we nevertheless shall be glad of a prompt response.

In Scotland, then, the Mark degree

(a) Is recognized by the Grand Lodge and Chapter.

(b) It is a prerequisite for Royal Arch Masonry.

(c) It can be given in a Craft Lodge, Mark Lodge, or as preparatory for the Chapter.

(d) The Grand Chapter has lodges in England,

(e) Joining Companions not "marked" must be before the affiliation is complete.

In England the only degrees recognized by the Grand Lodge are the three first, the Past Master (*viz., an installed Master of a Lodge only, who has been duly elected and formerly served as Warden*) and the Royal Arch.

The "*articles of union*" of 1813, which bound the two rival Grand Lodges to *certain* degrees, and no more, omitted any mention of Mark Masonry; and, although the Grand Chapter of Scotland and Mark Masters in England have endeavored to secure the recognition of the degree by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter of England, they have signally failed. *We say unhesitatingly, unless the Grand Lodge breaks its pledge, Mark Masonry cannot be recognized in England.*

The solemn promise made in 1813 effectually shuts out the Mark degree,* and it is of no service to inquire whether the members were wise in so promising, as the pledge was given, and therefore must be honored by all who value treaties among Masons.

This being so, the members of Mark Lodges were averse to remain as a body without a head, and, naturally objecting to any foreign rule, formed a Grand Lodge, A. D. 1856, with many lodges under its jurisdiction. The degree has rapidly spread, and the Grand Lodge has prospered exceedingly—so much so that now the lodges muster more than one hundred! Lord Leigh, the first Grand Master, is an esteemed Provincial Grand Master in the Craft. The next Grand Master was the Earl of Carnarvon, who is a Provincial Grand Master, and the present Deputy Grand Master of England (*i. e., the next in authority to the Marquis of Ripon.*) The third Grand Master was Viscount Holmesdale, also a Provincial Grand Master; and the Grand Master at the present time is a deservedly esteemed and respected well-known Craft Mason and estimable clergyman.† Many well-known noblemen and brethren under the banner of English Freemasonry are proud to acknowledge their membership of this Grand Lodge, many of whom are Past Grand Wardens of the Craft Grand Lodge. Some of the lodges are of "time immemorial" age, and have worked the degree no one knows how long, but certainly during the last century. Without such a Grand Lodge having been formed, the degree would have been little known in England, and although it is certainly a novel feature to have a Grand

* It equally excludes from recognition the "Grand Conclave of the Knights Templar," (a most powerful and influential body), the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," and the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. *These three great organizations all recognize the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters.*

† His Deputy Grand Master is Earl Percy. The Order, however, has been careless of appointing brethren to office from mere *social position only*. Hence, although many noblemen grace its ranks, and are on the roll of officers, there are also to be found in its highest posts the hard-working members of the Fraternity.

Lodge for the Mark degree, *it is justifiable under the circumstances.* The same novelty as a governing body was instituted for Royal Arch Masons about the middle of the last century. *Before then there was not a Grand Chapter anywhere over the globe, and never had been.* The Royal Arch Chapters had no governing body before A. D. 1750, and, in response to the wants of the Companions, the "Ancients" formed a Grand Chapter, and the "Moderns" followed about A. D. 1766—*new bodies entirely, as much as the Mark Grand Lodge in 1856, but, like it, much wanted.*

The Grand Lodge of Mark Masters has the pleasure of knowing all its certificates are recognized by the Grand Chapters of Ireland and Canada, and we feel sure that, whenever the ardent and enthusiastic Companions in the United States are asked to greet English Mark Masters with a friendly grasp, they will do so. Indeed already we rejoice to know that the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and Iowa have decided to do so.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN."

TRURO, ENGLAND, November 24, 1871."

A brief but good report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. George Griscom. Canada for 1871 is noticed.

M. E. Comp. Charles E. Meyer is G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Thomson was re-elected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Convocation was held at Charleston, February 13th, 1872. M. E. Comp. James A. Hoyt, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. A. P. Smythe, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 26; Exalted, 55; Affiliated, 5; Reinstated, 1; Dimitted, 23; Died, 11; Suspended, 23; Expelled, 1; Members, 807; Dues, \$631.00.

The G. H. P. reports entire harmony prevailing in the subordinate Chapters, and that nothing has occurred requiring censure or reproof from him. He also has the following in his address:

"The growth and prosperity of the subordinate Chapters for the past several years has been unusually progressive; and it is my opinion that a period has been reached when we may take a retrospective view and learn much that is valuable. Masonry in general has been exceedingly popular, and the Capitular Degrees have been sought by hundreds. An anxiety to keep pace with this general progression has induced a hasty growth of membership, and in many cases the zeal manifested at the threshold of our sacred tabernacle has expired with the completion of the ritualistic usages. The candidate has received the degrees in such an

informal and hurried manner, that he has failed to imbibe the glorious principles which lie buried beneath our symbolisms; and after a few visits to the Chapter, where he witnesses similar attempts upon others, he drops away altogether from attendance, and becomes that nondescript character—an indifferent Mason. I appeal to you, my Companions, to sustain the truthfulness of the picture, and that it has not been overdrawn. But, allow me to repeat, the time has arrived to look at these matters soberly and seriously. The surge of popularity has measurably receded, and among the older Chapters of this jurisdiction, especially, a vast amount of material has been exhausted, and many R. A. Masons are numbered among the non-affiliated. As the tide ebbs and flows, so we may confidently expect that the present almost lethargic conditions of many Chapters will not continue, and that another wave will bear along numberless applicants for the Capitular Degrees. Such being the case, it is a propitious time to recommend remedial measures, and I would earnestly urge upon the Subordinate Chapters, a closer scrutiny into the fitness of candidates, in the first place, and more careful exercise of patience in teaching the ritual. This topic might be profitably pursued yet further, but I trust the reflections already made will induce my Companions to give it serious consideration."

A new Charter was issued without charge to Delta Chapter, No. 20 to replace theirs, which had been lost during the war.

The Finance Committee reported a deficit of \$483.17, and recommended retrenchment and a contribution of \$1 *per capita* by the Chapters to provide the funds required.

The Grand Secretary reviews in an interesting and readable manner the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters, including ours for 1870 and 1871. We may inform Comp. Smythe that our Executive Committee is not a small one, and it does not comprise all the principal officers of the Grand Chapter. Our Constitution provides that this Committee shall consist of the Grand Principals H. and J., the Grand Superintendents of Districts, and the Grand Scribes (ex-officio members) and five others members to be elected annually by ballot by the Grand Chapter. At present this committee has twenty-two members. It also has power to appoint sub-committees from amongst its members, and this is always done and the work divided. We find this plan to answer very well and to greatly facilitate the transaction of business.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

TENNESSEE.

The Annual Convocation was held at Nashville, November 8th, 1871. M. E. Comp. W. H. Armstrong, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Exaltations, 313; Admissions, 69; Restored, 8; Withdrawn, 272; Suspensions, 42.

The G. H. P. decided that a Chapter under dispensation can exercise discipline; and that it is necessary for an actual Past Master to take the P. M. Degree in the Chapter previous to exaltation, with both of which decisions we agree. The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, reported in favor of the first but against the last. They say

“It has not been the custom in Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction to confer the Past Master's degree in the Chapter as a Chapter degree upon actual Past Masters, or to charge them the usual fee required of others, and we are of opinion that it is unnecessary, and recommend that it be not done.”

This clause was *not* adopted by the Grand Chapter. Another sensible action was the adoption of the following report:

“The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence having had referred to them a resolution asking the Grand Chapter, in substance, to require all Royal Arch Masons, whether members of any Chapter or not, to pay dues to the subordinate Chapter within whose local jurisdiction they may reside, beg leave to report that this Grand Chapter has not the constitutional power to make such a regulation, or to enforce the same by any Masonic law.”

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That hereafter Companions petitioning for a Dispensation for a new Chapter, shall state in their petition the distance to the two nearest Chapters; also the Lodges within the jurisdiction of the proposed new Chapter.”

RESOLVED, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested when asked so to do by a Subordinate Chapter, to appoint any well qualified Companion, whom such Subordinate may desire, to impart the work and lectures adopted and recognized by this Grand Chapter, such Subordinate to pay the expenses incurred thereby.”

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was recognized.

Comp. George S. Blackie has fairly earned an enviable position as Reporter. His present report contains *all* the Grand Chapters in the world—forty-one in number—including England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland. His style is pleasing, and his energy and perseverance in the collection of important Masonic information cannot be too highly commended. Canada for 1870 is fraternally noticed. He gives an abstract of the proceedings of the Conference held in London anent the Mark Degree, from which we take the following:

"It is not a separate Degree, but a superior or closing section of the F. C. Degree. It is to be remembered that a foreman is a F. C. He may be a foreman to-day. The Master may say at the end of the day, I have no further employment for you in that capacity; but if you like to work for me as a F. C. for two or three days I will gladly give you work until you find employment as a Foreman or Overseer. In a Mark Lodge the Office-bearers are only Overseers, styled Junior, Senior and Master Overseers—showing clearly that they are in charge for a superior authority. These Overseers not only directed the workmen, but gave an account of the time employed, and received plans and instructions from the Master, to be communicated to the workmen, whether relating to plain or more intricate portions of the work. Passing onward, we have the third Degree in two parts. The first introductory, and the latter containing a legend, where reference is made to a superior order of Fellow Crafts who bore rule over the others, having conspired together. In the present course of instruction, there is only one order of Fellow Craft recognized. Yet reference is distinctly made to a superior order which can only be reconciled by referring to the teaching given in the Mark Ritual. There is a very general idea, I am sorry to say, that the third degree is a very modern invention, while it is the best authenticated portion of the three degrees. It is simply an astronomical problem showing the state of the heavens at the time the foundation stone of the Temple of Solomon was laid. We have notes of it in Scotland. I recollect seeing it worked out upon two large terrestrial and celestial globes by an eminent astronomer. The globes were properly rectified and the state of the heavens minutely noted. The signs and words of the degree were obtained, and the reason of the implements being used in the legend of the third degree, also the name being thrice repeated—why the ear of corn and the waterfall are depicted, and the directions in which the procession moves. It has proved itself to be one of the best authenticated of the three degrees. The astronomer asked whether I would mind leaving the notes with him. I did so, and he afterwards informed me that he went over the whole with a very learned Professor, who expressed his opinion that it was evidently a very ancient system of some kind or other. He did not care whether it was Masonry or what it was; it appeared to be of undoubted antiquity.

Bro. Mackersy. Were these gentlemen Masons ?

Bro. Kerr. No. I may mention that what I have stated, as a short summary, occupied many long meetings of the Committee of Grand Lodge, when they were considering whether they should recognize the Mark Degree as a part of the Fellow Craft. They investigated the subject very fully. The then Deputy Grand Master, Brother Whyte Melville, also made inquiry and found the marks to have been used in the older lodges as already stated. Afterwards the late Dr. Walker Arnott, who was very much opposed to Grand Lodge taking up the matter, made the same inquiry, and the evidence he collected was corroborative. He intimated to Grand Lodge that Mark Masonry must have been a portion of the old Masonic system. That body then directed their Committee with the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter to prepare a ritual. The only difference being that the old Lodges speak of a square stone, and the Royal Arch of a keystone."

This Conference ended by the adoption of this resolution :

RESOLVED, 1. That the delegates report the proceedings of this Conference to their respective constituents.

2. That in event of all, or either of the Sister Grand Lodges and Chapters considering it advisable to bring the proceedings of this Conference before the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England, and of the latter Grand Bodies declining to recognize the Mark Degree, or, in event of its being considered unnecessary to approach the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England, the Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters of Scotland and Ireland, be recommended to recognize a governing Body in England over the Mark Degree."

M. E. Comp. A. J. Wheeler was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Frizzell was re-elected, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The twenty-second Annual Convocation was held at Houston, June 12th, 1871. M. E. Comp. S. S. Munger, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Robert Brewster, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS :—Markings, 411 ; Passings, 405 ; Receivings, 402 ; Exaltings, 392 ; Affiliations, 95 ; Reinstatements, 62 ; Dimissions, 187 ; Suspensions, 114 ; Expulsions, 6 ; Deaths, 83 ; Total number of Members, 3,268.

They have Grand Visitors in this jurisdiction whose duty it is to visit, if required, any subordinate Chapter and instruct

the Companions by lectures in the proper mode of work. Two of these made reports. One had travelled 740 miles and the other 1,016 miles and he says :

"The actual time spent in travelling from one Chapter to another is thirty days. I was engaged in actual labor in the Chapters fifty-nine days and nights, making in all, ninety-nine days and fifty-nine nights of constant labor."

Some of the Companions are in earnest learning the work as we find that one Companion travelled with the Grand Visitor *four weeks* and another *three weeks* in order to get thoroughly posted.

There is no report on correspondence but our proceedings with others were acknowledged as being received and handed to the Committee;

An excellent address was delivered before the Grand Chapter by the Grand Orator, Comp. W. Carey Crane, from which we make the following extracts :

"We are called *Freemasons*, because none but the freeborn are entitled to admission. The term *Mason* is derived by some authorities from a word signifying devotion to the worship of the Deity. The term *Accepted*, was conferred by the Pope of Rome, who granted indulgencies to all who confess their sins, and joined the crusades. We meet in Lodges now, because our primogenitors, who wrought at the building of the temple, lived in rude huts or lodges. Masonry passed from Greece to England, at an early period, according to the manuscript already referred to. The first English Charter, of which there is any record, was granted in the fourth century, and was obtained by St. Albans, "who loved Masonry well, and cherished it much." The next Charter was bestowed by King Athelstane, 926 A. C., upon application of his brother, Edwin, who was made Grand Master. This Lodge assembled at York, from which the true rise of Masonry in England is dated. Among the Grand Masters of celebrity, who officiated in their exalted stations from this period up to the eighteenth century, were Sir Thomas Gresham, the distinguished merchant; Inigo Jones, the Illustrious architect; and Sir Christopher Wren, the celebrated architect, who planned the rebuilding of the ruined portions of London, after the "great fire." From the year 1725 to 1813, an unfortunate hostility existed between the Grand Lodges of York and London, which, in the course of time, had sprung up and had maintained friendly relations to one another. But the Grand Lodge of London granted a warrant of constitution to some Masons who had seceded from the Grand Lodge of York. This conduct was regarded

as unmaſonic by the latter Grand Lodge, and hence the painful oppoſition. In 1813, all motives to enmity were removed by the union of the conflicting bodies, under the Grand Maſterſhip of the Duke of Suſſex.

Lodges which do not now practice the rites of Ancient York Maſons, if of Engliſh origin, are regarded as ſpurious. In view of all theſe facts, we are called Ancient York, Free and Accepted Maſons. Time would fail to detail the progreſs of Maſonry, during the eighteenth century. It ſpread into every nation of Europe, and to every continent of the globe.

From the landing of the Pilgrims on the rocks of Plymouth, in 1620, up to 1733, it is ſuppoſed that no Lodge exiſted in America. In the laſt named year, *St. John's Grand Lodge*, at Boſton, was formed, and there is conſequently no doubt that Maſſachuſetts, the cradle of American art, ſcience, liberty and religion, is entitled to the high honor of being the birth place of Freemasonry in the New World. In 1734, on the day of the nativity of St. John the Baſtiſt, a petition, ſigned by Benjamin Franklin and other brethren, in Philadelphia, was granted, eſta bliſhing a Lodge in that city. Benjamin Franklin—the printer, moralist, philoſopher and ſtateſman—was its firſt maſter. He publiſhed the firſt American maſonic book, a copy of which is ſtill preſerved in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennſylvania. Among the diſtinguiſhed Generals of the revolutionary war, who were Maſons, may be named Gen. Parſons, Joſeph Warren, who fell at Bunker Hill, and George Waſhington, “firſt in war, firſt in peace, and firſt in the hearts of his countrymen.” And now, throughout our whole country, the learned and the unlearned, the official and the private citizen, are to be found linked together in the myſtic ties of this venerable inſtitution. Perſecuted by jealous prieſts—when it could no longer ſerve their purpoſes; anathematized by eccleſiaſtical decrees; calumniated in our own country, until a fearful ſtorm threatened its utter annihilation, it has held on its even way, and is deſtined long to bleſs the world with its benign influence.

The ſymmetry and harmony diſplayed by the Divine Architect, in the formation of the planetary ſystem, gave riſe to many of our myſteries; hence, many zealous advocates of our Order, date the origin of Freemasonry from the creation of the world.

“Let there be light! proclaimed the Almighty Lord;
Aſtoniſhed chaos heard the potent word,
Through all his realms, the kindling ether runs,
And the maſs ſtarts into a million ſuns;
Earth's round each ſun with quick exploſions burſt,
And ſecond planets iſſue from the firſt.”

2d. POSITION. Our Order holds the proud and lofty poſition of being a leader in the liſts of benevolence. Its principles, if ſcanned, will prove its title to the high place which has been allotted to it. I ſhall not declare

that all other secret associations are derived from Masonry, still it is not too much to assume that our Order has suggested the *outline* upon which all other kindred associations are constructed. The Odd Fellows and the various orders of Temperance are, so far as their secret character is concerned, the offspring of Masonry. Whether we adopt the position, that Freemasonry took its rise in India, or Egypt, or Greece, it does not disturb the settled question of the priority of our origin. Nor do all the speculations which assumed that our manner of teaching the principles of our mystic profession, is derived from the Druids, who worshipped one supreme God, immense and infinite, or that our maxims of morality were derived from Pythagoras, who taught the duties which we owe to God and our fellow-men, or that our emblems were originally from Egypt, militate against the general admission of the superior antiquity of the Masonic Institution. Venerable for antiquity—honorable for its love and maintenance of order—sacred in its devotion to truth—heroic in its adherence to charity—it has won the regard of Monarchist and Republican, King and Governor, Lord and citizen, peasant and beggar. Its marble temples, its institutes of learning, and its long catalogue of noble achievements, place it in the front rank among the noble charities, which distinguish this remarkable age.”

A very large amount of local business appears to have been transacted.

M. E. Comp. J. B. Jones, was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Robert Brewster, re-elected Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The Annual Convocation was held at Richmond, December 13th 1871. M. E. Comp. John P. Little, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Dove, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS:—Chapters, 40; Exalted, 15; Affiliated, 11; Withdrawn, 81; Suspended, 92; Expelled, 3; Died, 27; Members, 1,841.

The G. H. P. reported the Capitular branch of the Order flourishing. He had organized the Grand Chapter of West Virginia and installed its officers. On this subject the following resolutions were adopted:

“1. RESOLVED, That this M. E. Grand Chapter hereby most cordially recognize the act of the Chapters in the State of West Virginia, in organizing a Grand Chapter during the past year, and hails her as a sister Grand Chapter in whose future prosperity we shall ever take the deepest interest.

2. RESOLVED, That Adoniram and Orient Chapters, now under Dispensation from this Grand Chapter, when their proceedings shall have been

approved, and when they would, under common circumstances, be chartered by this Grand Chapter, be advised to apply to the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, who is hereby requested, and, so far as we have authority, hereby authorized to issue Charters to said Chapters, now under dispensation, in the name of his own Grand Chapter.

3. RESOLVED, That those subordinate Chapters who have connected themselves with the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, and who have heretofore owed allegiance to this Grand Chapter, be directed to pay all the money due to this Grand Chapter to the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, and whatever money has been paid over to this Grand Chapter from Chapters so situated at this convocation, be handed over to the Grand Chapter of West Virginia."

It was also :

"Resolved, That the ceremonies of conferring the Past Master Degree, be left to the discretion of the High Priest of the Chapter."

DEATH.—Emanuel Semon, Past Grand Steward, aged 73 years.

M. E. Comp. Robert E. Withers was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Dove, re-elected Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

We cordially recognize and welcome this new Grand Chapter. As it has been formed with the consent and assistance of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, and as their proceedings have been "commenced in order" we trust they may be "conducted in peace" and redound to the advantage of the Royal Craft in all time to come.

The pamphlet before us contains the initial proceedings, the convention, and the first meeting of the Grand Chapter.

In November 1870, a memorial was signed by 4 Chapters to the Grand Chapter of Virginia, asking permission to form a Grand Chapter. This was presented in December 1870 and the permission was granted, as we noticed last year.

The convention was held at Wheeling, November 16th 1871. Five Chapters were represented, the Grand Chapter was organized and Grand Officers elected.

In Grand Chapter the same day the ceremonies of consecration, constituting and dedication were conducted by M. E.

Comp. John P. Little, G. H. P. of Virginia, who also installed the officers and delivered an address.

M. E. Comp. Thomas H. Logan of Wheeling is G. H., P. and R. E. Comp. Odell S. Long, of Wheeling is Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

The twenty-second Annual Convocation was held at Milwaukee, January 16th, 1872. M. E. Comp. Joseph Yates, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. William T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.—Chapters, 41; Exalted, 157; Admitted, 35; Dimitted, 86; Suspended, 46; Expelled, 2; Died, 25; Members, 2,488; Dues, \$2,064.50.

The G. H. P. granted one dispensation for a new Chapter. As to the fires he says :

"Perhaps it may be proper at this time to say that on the 11th day of October last, and immediately after the terrible fires which about the same time destroyed the city of Chicago and devastated a large portion of the northern part of our State, I issued a circular letter addressed to every Chapter in this jurisdiction, calling upon them to furnish all possible aid to the sufferers. From nearly every one of these I received communications, from which I learned that the calls of the suffering and needy had been nobly responded to, and their necessities relieved. Contributions have also been freely and generously furnished by Chapters in other State, which have been, whenever sent to me, immediately forwarded to E. C. A. V. H. Carpenter, who was chairman of the Relief Committee. His reports, whether made especially to this Grand Body or to the Masonic bodies of the State generally, will no doubt contain a full report of all these things and will be interesting, and we all know he is able to make it."

The Grand Lecturer has the following:

"During the past year but little *work* has been done by the several Chapters. I do not, however, hesitate in saying that what has been done has, in comparison with previous years, been well done.

The fifth and seventh degrees have been conferred in accordance with the regulations of this Grand Body, and in many instances the sundry unnameable articles which had been collected by many of the Chapters for the purpose of giving Grand Gymnastic Ethiopian Concerts, have been destroyed.

The Companions have in this respect been converted, and I pray they may not backslide."

The following resolutions were adopted :

"RESOLVED, That a committee of five, of which the present Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall be chairman, be appointed to confer with the parties concerned, with reference to the restoration of the Companions affected by the statute of this Grand Body, concerning the "Rite of Memphis," to their proper relations to Royal Arch Masonry—with leave to attend to their duties in the recess of the Grand Chapter."

"RESOLVED, That voluntary non-affiliating in a lodge, of over one year's continuance shall subject the Companion to suspension from the Chapter, and his status during the further continuance of such non-affiliation with a lodge, shall be that of a Companion suspended for non-payment of dues, and his restoration effected by again becoming affiliated."

The next resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and their report on the same was adopted. We quote both the resolution and report.

"RESOLVED, That the examination of candidates for advancement, provided for in Art. 3, Sec. 11, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, shall be limited to the obligation of the degree and knowledge of means of recognition—and that the candidate shall be able not only to repeat the obligation, but to give evidence that he understands what it means, and has a proper conception of his Masonic duties under, and by virtue thereof. This provision is not to be construed as an amendment to the constitution, but simply declaratory of its true intent and meaning, and as such, shall have the same force and effect as if particularly stated therein."

"In regard to the resolution *defining the intent of Sec. 11, of Art. 3 of constitution*, the Committee are decidedly of the opinion that it is a just and salutary regulation and should be adopted and published with the constitution.

The reasons for this conclusion are so numerous that the committee are at a loss for a selection; therefore, we present the following from the formidable array :

1st. We think that the *push* for a knowledge of the details of Masonry should come from the initiate, and be born of a knowledge of the design and scope of Masonry and a just appreciation of its principles, rather than as a price for his advancement.

2d. That there is manifest danger to the institution in intrusting candidates with the details of the working of the order before they have demonstrated their capacity and fitness for being such custodians.

3d. That the tendency of instructing the candidate for advancement in the full knowledge of the Ritual is to fix in his mind that this is of the greatest consequence in a Masonic point of view."

Canada for 1871 receives a first-class notice at the hands of Comp. J. P. C. Cottrill, Chairman of Correspondence, whose report is one of the best we have seen.

M. E. Comp. C. F. G. Collins was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. T. Palmer was re-elected Grand Secretary.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The twenty-first Triennial Convocation was held at Baltimore, September 19th, 1871. M. E. Comp. James M. Austin, of New York, G. G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John D. Caldwell, of Ohio, G. G. Secretary.

Representatives were present from twenty-nine State Grand Chapters, five not being represented, viz., Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Oregon and Texas.

In the lengthy and able address of the G. G. H. P. we find that in 1868 he investigated the difficulties in Delaware, and in 1869 authorized the formation of the present Grand Chapter of that State. He decided that a Chapter U. D. cannot try or discipline its members.

He had issued a circular to those Grand Chapters which had assumed to withdraw from the General Grand Chapter asking them again to unite. This was favorably responded to by Iowa, North Carolina and Vermont; and Florida, not having previously been a constituent, asked and was also admitted.

He had issued dispensations for new Chapters, as follows: At Seattle, Washington Territory; Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory; Silver City, Idaho Territory; Boise City, Idaho Territory; Shanghai, China. (On this he says:

"A majority of the seventeen Companions petitioning for said dispensation are citizens of the United States, resident at Shanghai, and are members of the Ancient Landmarks Lodge of that city, which Lodge is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The petition was duly recommended by the two Chapters already established there; one under the English, and the other under the Scotch Constitutions,)

At Hamilton, Nevada; Walla Walla, Washington Territory, and Pueblo, Colorado Territory.

On motion of Comp. English, the proposition offered at the last

Triennial Convocation, to amend the Constitution, by striking out the words "Past Master" and "Past" wherever they occur as designating a degree, was taken up for consideration.

Comp. English moved to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of said proposition, which was not agreed to.

It was then moved to adopt the proposition, and a vote by States called for and ordered, which resulted as follows: Yeas, 14; Nays, 101.

The proposed amendment was declared rejected.

The proposition to amend Sec. 3, of Art. 1 of the Constitution, proposed at the last Triennial Convocation, by inserting the words: "and all Past Grand High Priests," between the words "officers" and the words "of every State Grand Chapter," so as to read "these, together with the first four officers, and *all Past Grand High Priests*, of every State Grand Chapter under this jurisdiction * * * * shall compose the General Grand Chapter," was then taken up and adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 105; Nays, 7.

The Constitution was declared to be amended accordingly, and a large number of Past Grand High Priests being present, were recognized as members.

Comp. Gouley, of the Select Committee, to which was referred the action of the Grand Chapter of Maine, in relation to the use of substitutes, presented the following report, which was received:

"Your Special Committee, appointed to take into consideration the subject of the use of substitutes in the Royal Arch degree, beg leave to report, that after duly considering the subject, as well as the various rituals used in conferring said degree, they arrive at the conclusion that the use of substitutes is not in conflict with the covenant of a Royal Arch Mason, and offer the following resolutions and recommend their adoption:

RESOLVED, That this General Grand Chapter decides that the use of substitutes is not a violation of the Ritual of Royal Arch Masonry, or the Installation charges delivered to a High Priest, and that substitutes may be authorized by Grand Chapters working under this jurisdiction.

RESOLVED, That while such is the interpretation of the Ritual and Installation charges by this Grand Body, Chapters are fraternally and earnestly urged to use full classes of actual candidates, except in cases of emergency, for the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry."

Comp. McCurdy offered the following as a substitute for the resolutions proposed by the Committee:

"RESOLVED, That the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch degree is hereby forbidden."

And the same was lost on a call of votes by States, as follows:

Yeas, 31; Nays, 90;

The question recurring upon the resolutions submitted by the Committee, they were adopted on a call of votes by States, as follows :

Yeas, 91; Nays, 30;

" *Comp. Henry Robertson, P.: G.: J.:, of the Grand Chapter of Canada, was announced in waiting, for the purpose of visiting the General Grand Chapter, and was introduced and received with the customary honors.*"

At this stage of the proceedings, important action was had relative to the ritual of the Royal Arch degree, the substance of which will be communicated through the Grand Councils of the State Grand Chapters at the next annual convocation of said Grand Bodies. In the discussion upon this matter very able assistance was rendered by Comp. Albert Pike, and A. G. Mackey, the former of whom gave an eloquent and learned dissertation on the G. O. R. A. W. displaying an intimate acquaintance with the Sanscrit, Hebrew, and other derivations.

It was,

"RESOLVED, That the State Grand Chapters throughout the jurisdiction be requested to cause to be paid annually to the General Grand Secretary of this General Grand Chapter, the sum of one cent for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon the rolls of their subordinates at the date of their annual reports; the fund so created to be used to defray the necessary expenses of the General Grand Chapter. And the General Grand Secretary be, and hereby is instructed to pay to the General Grand Treasurer the amount so collected, and make report thereof at each Triennial Convocation."

The next Convocation was appointed to be held at Nashville Tennessee, on the last Tuesday in November, 1874.

The election of officers resulted as follows :

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| Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, Portland, Me., | G.: G.: H.: P.: |
| " Elbert H. English, Little Rock, Ark., | D.: G.: G.: H.: P.: |
| " Charles H. Orr, Cumberland, Md., | G.: G.: K.: |
| " Charles Marsh, Nevada, Cal., | G.: G.: S.: |
| " John McClellan, Boston, Mass., | G.: G.: Treas. |
| " Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, N. Y., | G.: G.: Sec'y. |
| " Joseph Yates, Berlin, Wis., | G.: G.: Capt. of Host. |
| " DeWitt C. Dawkins, Jacksonville, Fla., | G.: G.: R.: A.: C.: |

The session lasted four days, and was probably one of the most important and influential that has yet been held, its results being such as greatly to strengthen the body and to renew its vitality, which had seemed to be endangered. It is now stronger than ever before, and gives promise of largely increasing in prosperity and usefulness.

We are again indebted to Comp. Drummond, of Maine, for his valuable table of statistics, corrected to May, 1872, and a comparative statement for the past three years, as under :

STATISTICS.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	Number of Subordinates.	Ditto making Returns.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions and Restorations.	Dismissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Susp. for non-payment of dues	Deaths.	Rejections.
Alabama.....	62	51	1909	108	68	74	1	1	73	33	8
Arkansas.....	61	38	1561	168	46	55	1	2	41	23	..
California.....	40	40	1769	244	35	115	3	1	33	26	21
Canada.....	44	43	1814	352	69	79	0	11	..	21	..
Connecticut.....	31	31	4019	236	5	19	1	0	8	36	..
Delaware.....	4	4	187	25	1	3	0	0	0	1	..
Dist. Columbia.....	7	7	910	150	26	25	0	0	71	8	0
Florida.....	13	8	496	68	10	25	1	4	0	9	..
Georgia.....	49	46	2061	187	30	59	1	27	167	26	..
Illinois.....	147	147	9000	8-3	107	262	13	134	..	86	..
Indiana.....	84	75	3757	425	50	126	5	11	..	47	..
Iowa.....	65	63	2772	383	45	108	3	31	25	18	..
Kansas.....	20	19	650	66	37	21	0	0	0	9	14
Kentucky.....	102	87	3469	357	47	152	5	2	51	51	27
Louisiana.....	29	28	1576	118	26	60	4	15	48	35	5
Maine.....	35	35	3319	278	..	44	0	0	0	36	28
Maryland.....	11	11	1100	188	8	12	2	0	9	10	5
Massachusetts.....	57	57	6853	837	..	333	1	1	22	63	..
Michigan.....	83	82	5927	648	50	189	15	37	..	59	..
Minnesota.....	19	19	968	126	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mississippi.....	80	75	2663	186	140	96	5	3	156	50	..
Missouri.....	74	72	3406	462	79	112	5	8	..	27	44
Nebraska.....	6	6	359	65	11	12	1	0	8	2	0
New Hampshire.....	17	17	1804	126	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Jersey.....	26	26	2233	409	16	51	0	21	6	17	..
New York.....	184	183	16812	1885	150	307	7	7	427	178	..
North Carolina.....	15	14	608	13	13	7	1	0	8	8	1
Nova Scotia.....	3	3	136	30	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio.....	118	114	7060	786	172	266	20	3	203	77	..
Oregon.....	5	5	176	5	0	5	0	1	0	0	0
Pennsylvania.....	81	76	7664	1132	110	157*	..	124+	..	..	32
Rhode Island.....	10	10	1381	177	2	28	0	0	0	7	32
South Carolina.....	37	37	894	70	5	15	1	2	12	10	1
Tennessee.....	90	90	4122	313	77	272	8	42	..	62	..
Texas.....	91	75	3268	392	157	187	6	114	..	83	..
Vermont.....	24	24	1562	135	3	22	0	5	0	22	0
Virginia.....	43	40	1841	15	11	81	3	92+	..	27	..
West Virginia.....	11	11	Included with Virginia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wisconsin.....	41	41	2488	157	35	86	2	46	..	25	22
Total.....	1919	1811	112594	12156	1641	3471	115	745	1368	1182	240

* Including Deaths.

† Including suspensions for non-payment of dues.

The following is a comparative statement for three years :

	1872. Gr. Chapters.	1872. Totals.	1871. Gr. Chapters.	1871. Totals.	1870. Gr. Chapters.	1870. Totals.
Members.....	38	112,594	37	105,351	37	96,275
Exaltations.....	33	12,156	37	11,801	36	10,433
Admissions, &c..	34	1,641	34	1,840	33	1,301
Dismissions.....	36	3,471	36	3,327	31	3,214
Expulsions.....	35	115	34	97	32	96
Suspensions.....	36	745	31	440	32	451
Exclusions.....	27	1,368	32	1,592	23	1,272
Deaths.....	34	1,182	34	1,134	34	930

In concluding this report, your Committee see great cause for congratulation at the harmony and prosperity which everywhere attend the Capitular Branch of Freemasonry. But its rapid growth and the prominent position it is now assuming before the world, furnish us with matter for serious deliberation, and we are led to inquire whether such rapidity of increase is an evidence of real prosperity, and, if so, how it can best be maintained and made permanent, and also how its present position in the eyes of the general public can best be justified.

The best justification for this position is, undoubtedly, to be found in the daily walk and conversation of each individual Companion. If his life in the Chapter and in the world be Masonically pure; if he practises in his daily career the precepts taught within the Tabernacle, and promotes by every means in his power the great fundamental principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, then indeed the foundation is secure for that superstructure, perfect in its parts and honorable to the builder, which we all desire to erect.

These principles include the great watchword of our fraternity, Charity. Much has been done and is still being done, we are glad to say, in this direction, but much is still to be done, and to each individual Companion the honor of our craft is committed, and none can offend against these great truths without virtually wounding the institution which he has professed to admire and sworn to defend. We should plead for our distressed brethren, for means to place them in comfort for the short remainder of their checkered lives; for their widows, that they may once more know a home, and for their children, that they may be trained by industry and honesty, to reverse the sad decree of fortune which has made them recipients of aid.

Opportunities for doing good surround us on every side,

“Thick ‘as the autumn leaves on Vallambrosa’s vale”;

they are wafted around us by the summer breeze, and driven in our faces by the Winter blast—all inviting us to partake in the luxury of conferring happiness on our fellow creatures.

None of us should be satisfied until Masonry becomes a power to be felt and seen—to be felt by ourselves and seen by the outer world; a power that will foster the germs of good which lie in every man's nature, and nip in the bud the principles of evil which are also born with man, and which are so much more likely to increase and multiply. Nor let us be impatient of results, but let each in his generation do what is just, good and possible.

When that is done, we may with confidence leave the accomplishment to the G. A. O. T. U., by whose overruling care it may prove the good seed of an abundant and still increasing harvest, and the sound foundation of an edifice of which we do not yet, and in our generation never may, see the dimensions, but which, when completed, must and will, in accordance with the word of Him whose promise never fails, endure for ever. So mote it be.

All which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

CHAIRMAN, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT., August 5th, 1872.

It was moved by E. Comp. P. J. Brown, seconded by E. Comp. R. P. Stephens, and resolved--

That the report on Foreign Correspondence be received and the same printed with the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson presented his Credentials as the representative of the Grand Chapters of the District of Columbia and State of New York, which were received, and our R. E. Companion welcomed on behalf of the Chapters he represents, and was cordially greeted by Grand Chapter.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and the following Companions were declared duly elected, viz.:

R. E. Comp.	S. B. Harman, Toronto,	Grand Z.
" "	L. H. Henderson, Belleville,	" H.
" "	J. Dunbar, Quebec,	" J.
" "	Thos. Bird Harris, Hamilton,	" Scribe E.
" "	E. M. Copeland, Montreal,	" " N.
" "	Geo. C. Patterson, Toronto,	" Prin. Soj'r.
" "	David McLellan, Hamilton,	" Treasurer.
V. "	R. A. Woodcock, Ingersoll,	" Registrar.

By an open vote of the Grand Chapter,
Comp. Edward Ball, Kingston, " Janitor.

The following Companions were nominated by the representatives of their respective Districts, and approved by the M. E. Grand Z. as

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

E. Comp.	William Carey, London,	London District.
R. "	C. L. Beard, Woodstock,	Wilson "
V. "	Isaac F. Toms, Goderich,	Huron "
R. "	Edward Mitchell, Hamilton,	Hamilton "
" "	Daniel Spry, Toronto,	Toronto "
" "	Geo. H. Dartnell, Whitby,	Ontario "
R. "	Donald Ross, Picton,	P. Edward "
" "	John J. Gemmill, Ottawa,	Central "
R. "	J. H. Stearns, Montreal,	Montreal, "
" "	H. W. Wood, Dunham,	Eastern T'ps "
R. "	H. J. Pratten, Quebec,	Quebec "
" "	D. R. Munro, St. John,	N. Brunswick

It was moved by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, and unanimously

RESOLVED, That this Grand Chapter cannot permit its esteemed M. E. G. Z., T. D. Harington, to retire from the honorable position of its chief presiding officer—the onerous duties of which office he has ably discharged for the past eleven years—without recording its warmest appreciation of the untiring zeal and eminently sound judgment displayed by him in the multifarious questions that have, during that lengthened period, required his careful consideration and decision; and to mark in a more substantial manner that appreciation, it is hereby resolved that the E. Council be a

Committee to prepare an address in accordance with this resolution, to be accompanied with a suitable testimonial, on which shall be inscribed the high regard entertained for our M. E. Companion, and the eminent services rendered by him to Capitular Masonry.

The Executive Committee submitted the following report on Audit of the Grand Scribe E.'s statements and accounts.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the M. E. Grand Council :

The Executive Committee beg to report that they have carefully examined the books, statements and vouchers of the Grand Scribe E., and find the receipts for the past year \$1,516.75.

Your Committee have also examined the following accounts, which have been presented for audit and recommend their payment, as follows :

Grand Scribe E.'s salary to August, 1872	\$300 00
Janitor, Hamilton	6 00
Engrossing Warrants	15 00
Joseph T. Rolph, 200 Parchment Certificates.....	100 00
Lawson, McCulloch & Co., Printing, &c.....	7 00
Philip & Robertson, Trunk	5 00
The Craftsman.....	3 00
Contingent Expenses.....	32 27
Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence	50 00
Total.....	\$518 27

The sum of \$10.20, overpaid on former returns by Pentalpha Chapter in error, your Committee recommend be credited on their account.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer, through his unexpected absence not having been presented to your Committee, they recommend that a special Committee be appointed to examine his books, vouchers and accounts, and that their report be published with the minutes of the present Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. B. HARMAN,

CHAIRMAN, Executive Committee.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Jno. A. Mackenzie, seconded by R. E. Comp. Donald Ross, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit be received and adopted.

It was moved by E. Comp. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Jno. A. Mackenzie, and resolved—

That R. E. Comp. Charles L. Beard and E. Comp. P. J. Brown be appointed a special Committee to examine the books and statements of the Grand Treasurer, and to report thereon, which report the Grand Scribe E. is hereby authorized to publish with the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

*To the M. E. Grand Z., Officers and Members of Grand Chapter
R. A. Masons of Canada :*

COMPANIONS :

Having been appointed by the M. E. Grand Z. to fill the office of Grand Treasurer *pro tempore*, I have much pleasure in making the following report of receipts and disbursements from December 13, 1871, to date :

1871.			
Dec. 13.	To cash received from Grand Treasurer Noel.....	\$2,088	00
" "	" " less remitted by " "	0	35
" "	" " Grand Scribe E.....	100	00
" "	" " "	556	53
" 15	" " for interest on Merchants' Bank, less com. certificates of deposit.....	28	77
1872.			
Apl. 6.	" " from Grand Scribe E.....	519	30
May 16.	" " for interest on \$2,000 Dominion Stock.....	37	53
Aug. 9.	" " from Grand Scribe E.....	440	92
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			\$3,771 40
1871 By amt. less remitted by Grand Treasurer.....			35
Dec. 13.	" " paid per order to Grand S. E.....	\$379	53
" "	" " " " H. Robertson.....	50	00
" "	" " " " Lawson, McCulloch & Co..	7	00
" "	" " " " J. T. Rolph.....	120	00
15.	" " invested per order in five shares Dominion stock.....	2,000	00
1872.			
April 6.	" " paid per order Lawson, McCulloch & Co.....	119 30	2,676 18
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Balance on hand			\$1,095 22

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. MURTON,
Acting Grand Treasurer.

The Special Committee appointed to examine the Grand Treasurer's statements at a subsequent date handed the following report to the G. S. E.

To the M. E. Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

The Special Committee on Audit appointed by Grand Chapter to examine the books, vouchers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the past year, beg leave to report that the same have been carefully examined and found correct. As shown by the Treasurer's statement, the sum of \$2,000 has been invested in five per cent. Dominion stock, and your Committee would recommend that a further sum of \$500 be invested in the same stock provided it can be obtained at par, which will leave a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$595.22.

Your Committee are glad to notice the steady improvement in the financial position of Grand Chapter.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

CHAS. L. BEARD,

CHAIRMAN, Special Audit Committee.

GRAND SCRIBE E.'s OFFICE, Hamilton, 30th September, 1872.

The following named Companions were elected to serve as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz.:

R. E. Comps. W. B. Simpson, James Seymour, Henry Robertson, E. Comp. Henry Macpherson and R. E. Comp. F. J. Menet.

The M. E. the presiding officer proceeded with the installation of the Grand Officers elect, who were severally proclaimed, with the usual Masonic ceremonies, as follows :

M. E. Comp.	S. B. Harman, Toronto,	Grand Z.	} Grand Council.
R. " "	L. H. Henderson, Belleville,	" H.	
" " "	J. Dunbar, Quebec,	" J.	
" " "	Thomas Bird Harris, Hamilton,	" Scribe E.	
" " "	E. M. Copeland, Montreal,	" " N.	
" " "	George C. Patterson, Toronto,	" Prin. Soj'r.	
" " "	David McLellan, Hamilton,	" Treasurer.	
" " "	Ralph A. Woodcock, Ingersoll,	" Registrar.	
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" " "	Donald Ross, Picton,	P. Edward "
" " "	John J. Gemmill, Ottawa,	Central "
" " "	J. H. Stearns, Montreal,	Montreal "
" " "	H. W. Wood, Dunham,	Eastern T's "
" " "	H. J. Pratten, Quebec,	Quebec "
" " "	D. R. Munro, St. John,	New Brunswick.

At a subsequent date the M, E. Grand Z. was pleased to notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz.:

V. E. Comp.	David Denoon, Picton,	Grand 1st Asst Soj'r.
" " "	H. G. Taylor, Port Hope,	" 2d "
" " "	E. H. Fauquier, Woodstock,	" Sword Bearer.
" " "	James Stephenson, Iroquois,	" Standard "
" " "	Wm. H. Weller, Cobourg,	" Dir. of Ceremonies
" " "	Fred. Mudge, Guelph,	" Organist.
" " "	Wm. H. Porter, Bradford,	" Pursuivant.
" " "	David Wright, Montreal,	} Stewards.
" " "	William Braund, Dunnville,	
" " "	J. E. Harding, St. Marys,	
" " "	T. C. Macnabb, Chatham,	

The M. E. Grand Z. directs that each Companion elected and appointed to office, not having presented himself for installation or investiture, be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a member.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Donald Ross, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. McLellan, and resolved—

That the M. E. the Grand Z. be authorized to defray the incidental expenses incurred at this Annual Convocation, as also for printing the proceedings thereof as soon as the same shall have been completed and delivered.

On motion a vote of thanks was cordially tendered to the Companions of the Chapter of "St. Andrew and St. John," No. 4, and the King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, for the use of the Masonic Hall for holding the Annual Convocation.

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in ample form at 11 o'clock, P. M.

ATTEST :



W. B. Harris

G. S. C.

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS, RENDERED A. D. 1872.

NO.	NAME.	WHERE HELD.	STATED MEETINGS.	FIRST PRINCIPAL Z.	SCRIBE E.
1	Ancient Frontenac.	Kingston, O.	Third Tuesday in Feb., May, August and Nov.	Cmp.G.M.Wilkinson	Comp. S. T. Drennan
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton, O.	First Monday of every month.....	" Thos. B. Harris.	" T. McGivern, N.
4	St. Andrew & St. John	Toronto, O.	Third Friday of every month.....	" F. J. Menet....	" J. Erskine.....
5	St. George's.....	London, O.	Fourth Friday in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov....	" Wm. Carey....	" M. D. Dawson.
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton, O.	Second Thursday of every month.....	" Rich'd Brierley	" John Martin....
7	Moir.....	Belleville, O.	First Tuesday of every month.....	" L. H. Henderson	" Wesley Bullen.
8	King Solomon's.....	Toronto, O.	Third Monday of every month.....	" G. C. Patterson.	" Thomas Davis.
9	Golden Rule.....	Sherbrooke, Q.	Tuesday on or before full moon in March, June, September and December.....	" G. H. Borlase..	" Wm. Farwell, Jr
10	New Brunswick.....	St. John, N. B.	First Thursday in every month.....	" J. C. Hatheway.	" D. S. Stewart..
12	Cataraqui.....	Kingston, O.	Second Monday in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.	" A. McMillan....	" H. Tandy.....
13	Stadacona.....	Quebec, Q.	Second Thursday in Jan., April, July and Oct.	" James Dunbar.	" Christ. Staveley
14	Prevost.....	Dunham, Q.	First Thursday of every month.....	" H. W. Wood....	" T. Frank Wood
15	Wawanosh.....	Sarnia, O.	Second Friday in Jan., April, July and Oct....	" Louis Ernst....	" Emeric A. Vidal
16	Carleton.....	Ottawa, O.	Second Monday of every month.....	" D. S. Eastwood.	" Chas. S. Scott..
17	Dorchester.....	Waterloo, Q.	First Thursday of every month.....	" J. Erskine.....	" O. W. Ellis....
18	Oxford.....	Woodstock, O.	First Friday of every month.....	" E.A.H.Fauquier	" Thos. D. Watson
19	Mount Moriah.....	St. Catharines, O.	Friday on or before f. m. of every month.....	" W. Chatfield...	" A. C. Tuttle....
20	Mount Horeb.....	Brantford, O.	First Wednesday of every month.....	" David Curtis...	" Robert Morton.
21	Carnarvon.....	Montreal, Q.	Third Tuesday in Feb., May, August and Nov.	" E. M. Copeland.	" T. C. Stratton..
22	Grenville.....	Prescott, O.	First Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.	" Jas. Stephenson	" M. Dowsley
23	Ezra.....	Simcoe, O.	Second Wednesday of every month.....	" John Wilson....	" R. Thoroughgood
24	Tecumseh.....	Stratford, Q.	Last Tuesday of every month.....	" John Dutton....	" R. Rutherford..
25	Mount Horeb.....	Montreal, Q.	Second Wednesday of every month.....	" David Wright...	" W. H. Hall.....
26	St. Mark's.....	Trenton, O.	Second Wednesday of every month.....	" H. W. Delany..	" Charles Frances
27	Manitou.....	Collingwood, O....	First Friday of every month.....	" John Nettleton	" E. R. Carpenter
28	Pentalpha.....	Oshawa, O.	First Friday of every month.....	" W. T. Brown....	" T. G. Hawthorn
29	McCallum.....	Dunnville, O.	Friday on or after full moon of every month...	" Wm. Braund....	" Robert Nimmo..

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.—[CONTINUED.]

NO.	NAME.	WHERE HELD.	STATED MEETINGS.	FIRST PRINCIPAL Z.	SCRIBE E.
30	Huron	Goderich, O.	First Friday of every month.	E. C. Jas. Somerville.	Comp. Mark Wade.
31	Prince Edward.....	Picton, O.	Friday on or after every full moon.....	" R. A. Vanblaricom	" R. A. Norman..
32	Waterloo.....	Galt, O.	Monday on or after full moon in February, May, September and November	" W. Elliott.....	" T. M. Simons..
34	Signet.....	Orillia, O.	First Tuesday of every month.....	" J. P. Campbell.	" A. Borrowman.
35	Keystone.....	Whitby, O.	Third Thursday of every month.....	" R. Kincaid.....	" M. Duneford...
36	Corinthian.....	Peterboro', O.	Third Friday of every month.....	" LaRue Peck.....	" A. W. Pringle..
37	Victoria.....	Port Hope, O.	Second Thursday of every month.....	" W. H. Porter....	" Gibson Cook....
38	Seymour	Bradford, O.	Friday on or before full moon of every month.	" John L. Harris..	" I. W. Binney...
39	Botsford.....	Moncton, N. B.	Third Monday of every month.....	" F. Mudge.....	" J. Mimmack....
40	Guelph.....	Guelph, O.	Friday on or after every full moon.....	" Peter J. Brown..	" F. G. Lewis.....
41	Harris	Ingersoll, O.	First Tuesday after full moon of every month.	" A. Fletcher....	" Richard Rowe..
42	Montreal.....	Montreal, Q.	Second Friday of every month.....	" Frank Edgar....	" William Millar.
43	Royal Albert.....	Montreal, Q.	Third Wednesday in the months of December, March, June and October	" Henry L. Geddes	" G. A. Stevenson
44	Mount Sinai.....	Napanee, O.	Wednesday after every full moon.....	" Peter Begg.....	" A. Vars.....
45	Excelsior.....	Colborne, O.	First Thursday of every month.....	" John E. Harding	John P. Alma.....
46	St. James'.....	St. Mary's, O.	Second Wednesday of every month.....	" T. C. Macnabb.	
47	Wellington	Chatham, O.	Thursday on or before f. m. of every month....	" W. H. Weller..	
48	St. John's.....	Cobourg, O.	Friday on or before f. m. of every month.....	" W. F. Savage..	
49	Elora.....	Elora, O.	Wednesday after f. m. of every month.....	" H. B. O'Conner.	
50	Saugeen	Walkerton, O.	Second Wednesday in January, March, May, July, September and October	" Thomas Milton	
51	St. Charles'.....	Pt. St. Charles, Q.	Second Tuesday of every month.....	" W. N. Kennedy	
52	Prince Rupert.....	Winnipeg, M.	First Thursday of every month.....	" G. E. Murphy..	
53	Bruce	Petrolia, O. ....	.....	" Thos. D. Warren	
U. D.	De Warren.....	St. Thomas, O.	Second Wednesday of every month.....		

Representatives

IN THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington, from Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

R.	"	"	Thomas Bird Harris,	"	"	Missouri.
"	"	"	Thomas Bird Harris,	"	"	Oregon.
"	"	"	James Seymour,	"	"	Indiana.
"	"	"	James K. Kerr,	"	"	Scotland.
"	"	"	David McLellan,	"	"	Georgia.
"	"	"	R. Ramsay,	"	"	Nebraska:
"	"	"	R. Ramsay,	"	"	Ohio.
"	"	"	Henry Robertson,	"	"	Dist.of Col.
"	"	"	Henry Robertson,	"	"	New York.
"	"	"	Robert Ramsay,	"	"	Illinois.

FROM THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

R.	E.	Comp.	A. J. Stewart, in Grand Chapter of	Scotland.
"	"	"	Geo. S. Blackie,	" " Tennessee.
"	"	"	Geo. F. Gouley,	" " Missouri.
"	"	"	H. P. Deuel,	" " Nebraska.
"	"	"	Chas. A. Woodward,	" " Ohio.
"	"	"	John S. Bowen,	" " New York.
"	"	"	Wm. Brinsmaid,	" " Vermont.
"	"	"	John Edwin Mason,	" " Dist.of Col.
"	"	"	James A. Miles,	" " Illinois.
"	"	"	John S. Bowen,	" " New York:

Suspensions.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Ancient Frontenac Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, O.

Comp. P. P. Harris.

St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London, O.

Comp. Wm. J. O'Reilly,		Comp. J. R. Earle.
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King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto, O.

Comp. G. W. Armstrong,		Comp. A. McPhie,
" A. Berry,		" Sills Wright,
" J. Bosanke,	|	" J. Leslie.
" M. Northrop,	|	

Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock, O.

Comp. John Tarquand,	|	Comp. Henry de Blaquiére,
" George White,	|	" Sylvanus Joy,
" Robert Patterson,	|	" John Hislop.
" Wm. Coker,	|	

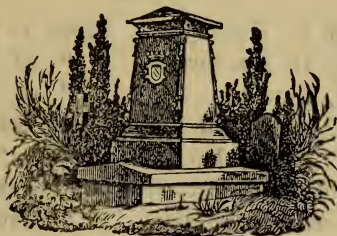
Carnarvon Chapter, No. 21, Montreal, Q.

Comp. G. G. Wolff.

Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope, O.

Comp. Andrew Manson.

AT REST.



Comp. DAVID FRASER, 17th July, 1871.
ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, No. 1, KINGSTON, O.

Comp. J. CONWAY BROWN,
" **HENRY HACK.**
THE HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 2, HAMILTON, O.

Comp. JOHN BROWN, 6th March, 1871.
CHAPTER OF ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN, No. 4, TORONTO, O.

Comp. DONALD BAIN, 20th February, 1872.
" **JAMES GEEN, 1872.**
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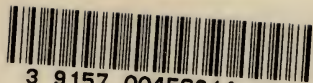
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